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Rabin expected to name Sneh as health minister

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin is expected to nominate MK Ephraim Sneh as the new health minister this afternoon, when the Labor central committee convenes.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is opposed to the appointment of Sneh, who deserted him to support Rabin during the 1992 party primaries.

Peres supporters are upset that Rabin is making a major appointment while the former is abroad; they also point out that Rabin would be violating an oft-stated commitment not to appoint a first-term MK to a ministerial post.

Sources close to Rabin said he is eager to unload the health portfolio for fear that the entire health system is about to collapse, especially the Histadrut's Kapat Holim Clalit, and he does not want this to happen while he is holding the portfolio.

Rabin assumed the portfolio when Haim Ramon resigned as health minister in February.

Rabin was due to phone Peres late last night to discuss the matter.

Sources said Rabin may seek to mollify him by promising to soon appoint another Labor minister to an as-yet-undetermined portfolio.

This additional appointment would likely go to either Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin or MK Avraham Burg — both from the Peres camp.

Peres supporters are angered nonetheless, and unless a truce is worked out by this afternoon, there may be an attempt by Peres loyalists to force a secret ballot at the central committee meeting and line up the camp's forces to defeat the Sneh appointment.

The Rabin side is taking no chances and is organizing an all-out mobilization to ram through the approval in the event of a showdown. The talk about a second ministerial appointment, however, is apparently geared to prevent such a showdown.

It is not clear when Rabin might appoint the second minister. According to some sources close to him, such an appointment would take place only after Sneh re-enters the coalition.

At that point, the ratio of each party's ministers to MKs will be re-examined, and if Labor is found to be under-represented, either Beilin or Burg would enter the government.

This party depends on how many MKs Sneh will bring into the coalition. Sneh MK Yosef Azran has already announced he will opt for the opposition; this may deny Sneh the right to a second portfolio and thus deny the Peres camp the pretext for another appointment.

Sneh has a medical degree, which is apparently one reason why Rabin preferred him over several other candidates. Sneh's military past is considered an additional advantage.

MK Yoram Lass is also a physician and a Rabin supporter, but he has been critical of the government on occasion.

Rabin was expected to meet with Sneh late last night or early this morning, sources said.

Sharon announces plans to run for premiership in next elections

SARAH HONIG

AN angry Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu suggested over the weekend that MK Ariel Sharon leave the Likud.

This followed an announcement by Sharon on Friday that he will seek the premiership, not only as his party's nomination, but as that of "the entire national camp."

MK Benny Begin, who lost to Netanyahu in last year's leadership primary, said "Sharon has as much of a chance at winning the nomination as he does at becoming the world tennis champion."

Sharon disturbed the Likud's relative calm during an interview on Israel Radio's weekend news magazine.

He was supposed to deal with housing issues, but instead announced he will seek the right's nomination for prime minister in 1996.

"I propose that all members of the national camp parties be entitled to participate in a primary to choose the single leader for the entire bloc," Sharon said.

Sharon said he is the candidate "best suited to meet the challenges ahead. What is at stake is saving this country, the state and possibly even the Jewish nation."

Netanyahu lost no time replying in a way he had until now been reluctant to do, telling both Sharon and his other relentless rival, MK David Levy that "the best thing Sharon can do for the national camp is to rid the Likud of his presence."

He is a constant underminer who takes only about furthering his personal ambitions," Netanyahu said. "He has systematically been boycotting all elected Likud forums and has been fomenting divisiveness and discord, while refusing to accept democratic deci-

sions and attempting to demolish all frameworks. He had sought to undermine the late Menachem Begin and after him Yitzhak Shamir. I am simply the next in line."

MK Dan Meridor said "the Likud cannot constantly be placed under the strain of never-ending competition by a few frustrated figures who cannot reconcile themselves to the fact that they lost and someone else was elected."

Likud secretariat chairman Yehoshua Matza said that "with his refusal to accept the results of the recent primary, Sharon placed himself effectively outside the party and should do us all the favor of taking the formal step and walking out the wide-open door."

Likud Knesset faction chairman Moshe Katsav, another of last year's primary candidates, said he now "fully supports Netanyahu. I am unequivocally behind him, but I oppose all talk of demanding that anyone leave the party, and I think there should be a unified leadership."

Levy kept quiet over the weekend, and not a single party higher-up came out in Sharon's favor.

Outside the Likud, Moledet's Rehavam Ze'evi said "the national camp must field only a single candidate in the next elections, as any split of our vote will only benefit the left. The national camp's candidate, moreover, ought to be chosen by the largest party, which is the Likud."

Tsomet's Rafael Eitan, who a few months ago threw his own hat in the ring, said he disagrees "with all those who maintain that more than two candidates means a split vote. Perhaps I can take votes away from Labor."

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Gal initiates formation of new hawkish Labor-Likud group

SARAH HONIG

LABOR MK Gedalya Gal caused a stir in the Labor Party Friday by inviting Likud MKs to join a new political circle that will deliberate defense and foreign affairs issues.

Known as a Labor Party hawk, Gal is head of the Knesset finance committee and one of the leaders of the Moshavim movement.

Among the Likud MKs who attended the meeting at his home in Kfar Vitkin were Michael Eitan, Dan Meridor, Avraham Herschson, David Magen and Ovadia Eli. Gal's Labor Party guests were all from the party's hawkish side — Ori Orr, Micha Goldman and Eli Goldschmidt.

The group agreed to meet again soon.

Gov't orders crackdown on Palestinian political activity in Jerusalem

BILL HUTMAN and DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE government has issued tough new guidelines to the police for handling Palestinian political activity in eastern Jerusalem, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

This apparently marks a reversal of the long-standing hands-off policy that police have been under orders to carry out.

Palestinian political organizations, including the PLO headquarters at the Orient House in eastern Jerusalem, are to be more heavily scrutinized.

The guidelines issued over the weekend are likely to go into effect as early as this week, sources said.

They were finalized at a meeting Thursday attended by Prime Minister Rabin, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, the head of the General Security Service, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz and Jerusalem police chief Aryeh Amit.

The Police Ministry spokesman declined to comment on the meeting, saying Rabin had ordered no official statements on the subject.

Meanwhile, senior PLO figures have drafted a constitution for the Palestinian Authority that declares Jerusalem the capital of the state of Palestine.

The PLO's London-based legal committee faxed a copy of the 21-page draft to the Associated Press in Jerusalem.

Article 5, on the first page, unequivocally declares Jerusalem as "the capital of Palestine."

It goes on to say that "during the transitional period, the Palestinian authorities may set up the Government Headquarters in any other place in Palestine."

The Palestinian Authority plans to set up offices in Jericho pending resolution of the Jerusalem issue.

Rabin reiterated on Friday that institutions connected to the Palestinian Authority must all be run from Jericho.

"All the power centers of the Palestinian Authority will be in Jericho," Rabin told a Tel Aviv foreign affairs forum on Friday.

Rabin's remarks come a day after an interministerial panel known as "the committee for the safety of Jerusalem" met with the premier to discuss steps to ensure future Israeli control over the city.

The panel is headed by Shahal, with representatives from the Defense and Foreign Ministries, the IDF and the General Security Service.

In his remarks on Friday, Rabin avoided questions about Israel's relationship to the Orient House.

The building has been operational since the Madrid conference in the fall of 1991, when the Likud was in power.

When asked about the Orient House, Rabin said "there are certain phenomena that have occurred in Jerusalem over the years that would have been better if they did not happen."

Meanwhile, on a related issue, Rabin told the Tel Aviv group that Israel retains a say on which Palestinian policeman will be deployed in Gaza and Jericho.

He disclosed that Israel nixed the enlistment of a few hundred Palestinian policemen deployed in Gaza and Jericho, apparently for security reasons.

Last week, Shahal told the Knesset that police were investigating reports of illegal political activity by Palestinian groups in Jerusalem and alleged operations of Palestinian security personnel there.

Palestinian officials in eastern Jerusalem have noted that both Labor and Likud governments have long looked the other way when it comes to their political activity in the city.

Police in the past have kept their distance during public meetings of outlawed Palestinian groups opposed to the peace process. Palestinian sources also reported that the police know that armed Palestinian security guards operate in the city.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert issued a statement on Friday taking credit for the government's refusal to allow PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to visit Jerusalem now.

"The public campaign I opened several weeks ago has gotten results, and I am happy to hear that the government understands it is forbidden to allow Arafat into Jerusalem," Olmert said.



PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Fatah central committee member Abul Adeeab participate in a meeting in Tunis of the newly-formed Palestinian National Authority. (AP)

Neveh Dekalim settler foils attack by ax-wielding Palestinians

ALON PINKAS and HERB KEINON

A RESIDENT of the Gush Katif settlement of Neveh Dekalim foiled an attack yesterday by three ax-wielding Palestinians, driving them out of the settlement where an IDF patrol captured two of them. The third escaped.

Army sources said the three burrowed under the settlement's fence and reached the office of the regional council. A resident on security duty spotted them and succeeded in driving them out of the settlement by brandishing his weapon.

He then alerted an IDF patrol which began pursuit, caught two of the terrorists and shot the third, who nonetheless succeeded in escaping.

The army yesterday began questioning the two who were apprehended, and notified the Israeli-Palestinian cooperation of-

fice of the incident.

Neveh Dekalim resident Yitzhak Golan said that warning sirens were heard in the settlement at about 8 a.m., followed by an announcement that three Palestinians were inside the settlement. "People were told to take up emergency positions in the settlement," he said.

Golan said the three entered the settlement through a breach in the fence. The guard post near the area where they entered was, for some reason, not manned at the time, he said.

It was the second infiltration into Neveh Dekalim, the largest settlement in Gaza, in five weeks. Late last month, also on Shabbat, a terrorist stabbed a woman sitting on

her porch. The terrorist was shot and killed by a Neveh Dekalim resident.

Golan said he does not think it is coincidental that the two incidents took place on Shabbat. "They know that on Shabbat there is a degree of laxness," he said. "People don't get up so early, there is less activity."

In another development, an IDF patrol and a Palestinian Police patrol nearly clashed Friday, when Palestinian policemen aimed their weapons at the Israelis, following a heated debate near the Erez checkpoint.

Details of the incident, which occurred near the Paz gas station adjacent to the checkpoint, were relayed to the Israeli-Pal-

estinian cooperation office for further investigation.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Police officially apologized for last week's detention of Brig.-Gen. Doron Almog, commander of IDF forces in the Gaza Strip, calling the action "a misunderstanding."

The army said it accepted the apology for the incident, which was attributed to "unfamiliarity with the procedures of operation and authority on the part of the Palestinians," according to a military source.

In another incident, Arab pupils from Nablus vandalized the monument to the IDF fallen in the Jordan Valley, near Moshav Pitzael.

According to area residents, the pupils were part of a group that stopped near the monument en route to Jericho.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn returns to Russia after 20 years in exile

VLADIVOSTOK (AP) — One day after returning from exile, Alexander Solzhenitsyn fired a broadside at the government yesterday, saying Russia is still far from democracy and has yet to begin real economic reforms.

The 75-year-old Nobel Prize-winning author spoke to reporters after touring a hospital and farmers' market in this Pacific port city, the first stop in a 10,000-km cross-country voyage to his new home near Moscow.

He said he wants to talk with ordinary people across the nation, then use his voice and pen to help Russia recover from "the plague of communism" and discover true patriotism and spiritual renewal.

He spoke with the same bluntness and anti-establishment fervor that led the Soviet leadership to expel him in 1974.

"In the West there is a widespread opinion, which is insulting to us, that Russians have no initiative and are incapable of building their own future," he told a news conference in Vladivostok's regional government building.

"We will never be able to achieve anything until we realize that we are the people and the masters of our own destiny. Only beginning with local self-rule will we be able to rebuild Russia from the bottom up. Democracy is the rule of the people."

"Where is our democracy? The people are cut off from power. The people do not control their own fate, they do not control anything. We do not have a democracy. As I have said many times, this is a pseudo-democracy," he said.

Solzhenitsyn arrived Friday after a 38-hour plane trip from Cavendish, Vt., via Alaska. He is accompanied by his wife, Natalia, and two sons, Yermolai, 23, and Stephan, 20. A third son, Ignat, 21, is studying music in the United States.

The family has said it will take from two weeks to three months to traverse Russia. They have not announced their next destination, but are hoping to leave behind the horde of journalists hindering his plans to converse with ordinary Russians.

Widely hailed as Russia's greatest living author, Solzhenitsyn chronicled the cruelty of Soviet prisons and camps in his novels and historical works, including



Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn gestures as he talks to Russians in the central square of Vladivostok. Solzhenitsyn arrived Friday after 20 years in exile in the United States. (Reuters)

he replied: "Not only don't I think I am late, I think I arrived at just the right time."

He said Russians were suffering from the "brainless" economic reforms launched by former Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar in 1992.

Solzhenitsyn said the only major economic changes have been the freeing of prices and the privatization of state-owned property and businesses.

"The people long ago began calling it 'plunderization.' And well they should have. It's massive privatization without accountability or control when, for token amounts of money, for nothing, people acquire our national wealth, when the national wealth is plundered," he said.

Solzhenitsyn expressed skepticism about importing Western political ideas and institutions to Russia. He even lamented the growing use of English words such as "briefing," "voucher" and "ratings."

"It's not only an illness of our language, it's an illness of our soul," he said.

He refused to give his opinion of President Boris Yeltsin. But he accused former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev of preventing the publication of his books in Russia for as long as possible.

He distanced himself, however, from extreme nationalists such as Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, whom he called "a caricature of a Russian patriot."

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Arafat woos rivals

TUNIS (AP) - PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat launched a last-ditch effort yesterday to bring his rivals into a Palestinian National Authority that will administer autonomous Jericho and Gaza.

PLO sources said he dispatched Abbas Zaki, a member of the central committee of Fatah, to Damascus for consultations with hard-line Palestinian groups based in Syria.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Zaki would try to convince the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the second largest faction after Arafat's Fatah, to join the self-rule government, which Arafat will head.

The Marxist PFLP, headed by veteran terrorist leader George Habash, has opposed the PLO-Israeli autonomy accord.

But its leadership reportedly was contemplating joining the authority to pursue its opposition to Arafat's policy from within the emerging political system in the Palestinian entity.

A delegation from Hamas was due in Tunis this weekend.

Although the group has openly rejected the self-rule accord and

vowed to wreck it, it has held secret contacts with Arafat and demanded five National Authority seats. Arafat offered only two.

The administrative body will comprise 24 members plus Arafat under the May 4 accord signed with Israel. It will have legislative, executive and judicial powers in the autonomous Gaza Strip and Jericho.

So far, Arafat has selected 19 council members, including two women. They are mainly PLO activists from abroad or the autonomous territories with a few technocrats.

But a leading West Bank activist, Hanan Ashrawi, said yesterday she has rejected her nomination as information minister, insisting she wanted to devote her time to a Palestinian human rights group she recently founded.

Another prominent West Bank activist, Sari Nusseibeh, has not yet committed himself either way.

Of the remaining members, 14 were given portfolios in a meeting Friday. Arafat retained for himself the Interior Ministry, which will be in charge of a 9,000-strong police force deployed in the autonomous territories.

Other meetings of the authority members were scheduled over the next days to fill the vacant seats, complete the distribution of powers and fashion out the authority's political program and priorities, said Executive Committee member Samir Ghosheh.

He reported that the information portfolio was left vacant while efforts were under way to persuade Ashrawi to take it.

"It's more important to me to have a civilized society with functioning democratic institutions than to have a government post," she told the AP yesterday.

She has demanded Arafat provide guarantees that the national authority will not be run in the same way he has controlled the PLO. So far as is known, Arafat has not made such a commitment.

The PLO Executive Committee yesterday also approved the self-government program that reaffirms commitment to peace, Ghosheh said.

Although PLO officials deny it, the renewed commitment aims to meet Israeli concerns following remarks by Arafat interpreted as suggesting the peace deal signed on May 4 was temporary.



A Palestinian policeman stands guard outside Jericho's central mosque Friday during the weekend prayers. (AP)

PLO assigns self-rule portfolios

TUNIS (Reuters) - The PLO has handed out 14 of 22 portfolios in the Palestinian self-rule administration in the Gaza Strip and Jericho area with Abu Ala, a key player in the secret peace deal with Israel, in charge of economy and trade.

Samir Ghosheh, a PLO executive committee member who was given the labor and social affairs portfolio, said the portfolios were handed out at a Friday night meeting in Tunis and consultations were continuing on those still to be handed out.

He listed the 14 so far distributed as:

Economy and Trade: Ahmed Qurei (Abu Ala), PLO economic strategist who negotiated the secret accord in Oslo last year

Finances: Mohamed Zuhdi Na-

shabibi, independent member of the PLO's ruling Executive Committee

Planning and Economic Cooperation: Nabil Sha'ath, Cairo-based Fatah activist and key negotiator in the peace talks

Housing: Zakaria Agia, Gaza physician and leading Fatah official there

Communications and Posts: Abdul-Hafiz Achhab, physician from Hebron

Education and Teaching: Yasser Amr, Jordan-based independent Executive Committee member

Culture and Arts: Yasser Abed-Rabbo, PLO's information chief and close Arafat aide

Justice: Freih Abu Meidein, prominent Fatah official and head of the bar association in Gaza

Labor and Workers: Samir Ghosheh

Social Affairs: Intisar Wazir (Um Jihad), widow of Arafat's military chief and strategist, Khalil al-Wazir, assassinated in Tunis in April 1988

Local Government: Saeb Erekat, Fatah official from Jericho who was deputy leader of the Palestinian peace talks delegation

Youths and Sports: Azmi Shuaibi, close associate of Abed-Rabbo

Tourism and Monuments: Elias Freij, Christian Mayor of Bethlehem

Health: Riyad Zaanoun, private physician who worked in Qatar before the 1991 Gulf War

The meetings were to resume late yesterday.

Jibril Rajoub calls for east Jerusalem as capital

THE Palestinians will not be silent until a Palestinian state is established, with east Jerusalem as its capital, Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestinian security services in Jericho declared Friday.

"The Israelis must leave our capital - east Jerusalem. Jerusalem is a red line for us," Rajoub said, at a reception held in honor of the Palestinian Authority by the Beduin community of Lakia northeast of Beersheba. Some 2,000 people attended the event, most of them political activists, both Arab and Beduin, who support the Democratic Arab Party.

Rajoub emphasized, however, that the PLO was committed to every word of the Cairo agreement. "Every person must honor the accord and the PLO is the sole representative of the Palestinians. We are committed to peace."

MK Taleb a-Sanaa (DAP), who organized the event, called for the

establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel. "Rabin said Gaza will sink in the sea and we say that Gaza will drown the occupation on its way to establishing a Palestinian state. We will struggle until the end, until the establishment of a Palestinian state whose capital is east Jerusalem."

Rashid Abu Shabak, the Gaza liaison between the Palestinian Police and the IDF, said: "The light which shines on Jericho, will soon shine on the Negev and the Galilee, seeing that the Negev is Arab land."

Several leading Beduin personalities, including sheikhs who are known as Labor Party and Likud supporters, did not attend the event. Beduin sources said they did not attend the reception for the Palestinians because the meeting had a "blatant political character," which did not reflect the mood among the Beduin.

Leaflets condemning the meeting were also anonymously distributed.

Support for peace talks drops

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PUBLIC support for further negotiations with the PLO has dropped sharply, a Dahaf Institute poll revealed on Friday.

The poll, published in *Yediot Aharanot*, said that 63 percent of the public is opposed to further self-rule negotiations with the PLO, and that more than a quarter of those who supported the Israel-PLO accord now oppose it.

The survey was taken last Tuesday and Wednesday, shortly after two IDF soldiers were killed in Gaza, and after PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's controversial Johannesburg remarks were publicized. In those remarks, Arafat called for Moslems to wage a "jihad" to liberate Jerusalem, and compared his peace accord with Israel to a truce signed by Mohammed with the Kuraish tribe in the year 628.

According to the Dahaf poll, only 35% of Israelis want to continue with the negotiations, while 2% did not respond. According to the poll, 27% of those surveyed said they have shifted from support of the accord to outright opposition.



Motorcyclists depart on a ride for peace Friday, going from the Erez checkpoint to Jericho. Forty cyclists participated in the Peace Now event. (Reuters)

Netanyahu finally fights back

FORMER prime minister Yitzhak Shamir could not understand all the fuss surrounding Ariel Sharon's announcement that he would seek the nomination for prime minister on the eve of the next elections.

"So what else is new?" Shamir asked. "Arik announces challenges to all Likud leaders every few months with the regularity of the seasons of the year. This is not even a tempest in a tea cup. It is not news at all. Arik never really withdrew his last challenge."

Strictly speaking, he is absolutely right. Last time, Sharon entered the Likud's primary race with much fanfare and withdrew with a whimper, but never said he was giving up his quest for the party leadership.

He made it clear he was engaging in a tactical retreat and was only postponing his final offensive. Everyone in the Likud knew they would hear from him again.

This, however, has not convinced anyone that Sharon would necessarily run again. His bizarre

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political history is replete with boisterous challenges that he has dropped just before the bell for the first round.

But something is different this time around - Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu's response.

He reacted as never before, telling Sharon that "if he cannot accept democratic decisions and cease to undermine party unity at a time so critical for the nation, then he would do best to leave the Likud."

There was never such tough talk from Netanyahu in the past, not even when faced with far more taunting provocations from his arch-enemy David Levy. The message sent to Sharon was no doubt also addressed to Levy, who received it loud and clear.

Netanyahu has apparently reached the conclusion that he must say in public what he has

been only whispering privately against his political tormentors. He must stop trying to smooth things over, or he will never assert his authority on the party.

In fact, Netanyahu has little to lose by bringing the simmering conflicts in the Likud to a head and - from his point of view - better now than just before the next elections.

Levy and Sharon will not reconcile themselves to his leadership, and there is little chance for any peace-making. Netanyahu's recent overtures to Levy were rebuffed.

Forcing the troublesome Levy-Sharon pair out of the party might be the best solution, Netanyahu's aides admit. Neither Levy nor Sharon has much future outside the Likud, but they can cause far more havoc in than they can out, as the sad case of Yitzhak Moda'i (remember him?) amply illustrates.

Inside the Likud, Sharon cannot get his wish for a new primary unless he musters a 75 percent majority in the central committee, a task he knows enough not to even attempt.

Outside the Likud, the idea of cross-party primaries is unlikely, especially with the candidacy of Tsomet's Rafael Eitan still around.

Sharon made his attempt almost because he had to. Time is running out for him. He is not getting any younger, and if he does not try now he never will win. But as Benny Begin put it, "he has as much of a chance at winning the nomination as he does at becoming the world tennis champion."

Hamas kills two Gaza residents as 'collaborators'

JON IMMANUEL

IZZADIN Kassar, the armed wing of Hamas, took responsibility for murdering two Palestinians on Friday as alleged "collaborators," the first such murders since the expiry of an agreement with Fatah to stop such killings.

The two victims, identified as Hussan Doshan, 35, and Abdel-Wahab Ghali, 31, were found by police behind a factory in Gaza City. A leaflet claiming responsibility was found next to the bodies.

Fatah and Hamas signed an agreement on April 22, in which, among other things, Izzadin Kassar agreed to a one-month suspension of attacks on alleged collaborators.

Gaza sources said Palestinian police were investigating. Police spokesmen were not available for comment.

A Palestinian police commander said yesterday his forces would crack down on the squads that have killed hundreds of people suspected of cooperating with Israel.

"Nobody can be the judge and the hangman at the same time," Maj.-Gen. Nasser Yousef said in a speech to the Gaza Lawyers Association.

In another development, the Palestinian Police yesterday, for the first time, arrested a Gaza resident they suspected of being involved in criminal activities.

Hani Abed, 31, who belongs to the Islamic Jihad organization, was arrested in Khan Yunis and is being held in Gaza Prison, where he has been imprisoned before.

Islamic Jihad accused the Palestinian security forces of illegally holding Abed without charge, and said it would not stay silent in the face of such acts. They said Abed was a journalist working for the al-Ahram press and information center associated with the Islamic Jihad.

Tsur delays free movement of produce from autonomous areas

AGRICULTURE Minister Ya'akov Tsur decided over the weekend to delay the free movement of agricultural produce from the autonomous areas into Israel, until a system of compensating Israeli farmers is in place.

Farmers organizations praised the decision, saying they feared for their livelihood.

The government is considering offering the farmers, as compensation, a grant equal to 20 percent of their production for five years, even if the farmer stops farming during that period. Finance Minister

Avraham Shohat, who is known to oppose this proposal, is to meet this week with farmers' representatives to discuss compensation methods.

Under the Cairo and Paris agreements, only certain fruits and vegetables are to be allowed in from the autonomous regions at this stage. Other items, such as poultry and cucumbers, are to be permitted in gradually over the next five years.

MK Dan Titchon (Likud) demanded that a firm decision be

taken not to allow produce from Jericho and Gaza into Israel. He claimed that Gaza produce is watered with sewer water and is often shipped coated with dangerous levels of pesticide.

Last week, Agriculture Ministry director-general Yonatan Bashi met with Gaza leaders to impress upon them that Gaza produce would not be allowed into Israel until hygienic standards that prevail here are met, and that a system for checking and enforcing these standards was established. (Itn)

Gov't may put Kupat Holim into receivership

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE government is seriously considering steps to put financially-strapped Kupat Holim Chait into receivership, as the Histadrut has failed to meet its obligations to the health fund under last year's recovery program, the Treasury reported last night.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat called a meeting in his office last night to plan the government's next move, should the Histadrut continue to refuse to transfer NIS 83 million to the fund. In preparation for putting the fund into receivership, Shohat invited

Justice Minister David Libe'i, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, the state attorney, the official receiver and senior Treasury officials to the meeting.

According to Treasury spokesman Eli Yosef, should the fund be put into receivership, the receiver will be empowered to abrogate wage agreements as well as sell the fund's assets to keep it running.

Shohat said the government has fully honored its part of Chait's recovery agreement, while the Histadrut has yet to honor all the

financial obligations it undertook for last year. Shohat warned that the government is getting ready for every possibility, to help avoid the fund's collapse.

Yosef said that no decisions were taken at last night's meeting, but that all the available options before the government were studied.

Meanwhile, talks over the weekend between the Treasury, Kupat Holim Chait and the Histadrut failed to reach an agreement on how to get the health fund out of its financial crunch.

Cabinet to hold debate on housing costs today

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE cabinet will devote today's entire session to formulate a plan for reducing housing costs.

The session, which is due to start at about 10 a.m., is expected to continue until no later than 3 p.m., when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the ministers must head for Beit Berl to attend Labor's central committee meeting.

Despite sparring in two previous cabinet sessions and talks in between, Housing Minister Binjamin Ben-Eliezer and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat have not succeeded in settling their differences concerning how to attack the problem.

The main bone of contention between the ministers focuses on the government's intervention in the construction market, in the form of state-subsidized public housing projects.

Shohat opposes such an intervention, which, he argues, led to disaster during the Likud regime and forced Labor's government to purchase thousands of apartments nobody wanted and involved the government in lawsuits for losses incurred by contractors.

Meanwhile, the storm created by the state comptroller's report on the Housing Ministry has increased, following the comptroller's request that the attorney-general look into findings indicating Ben-Eliezer may have transferred funds illegally.

Ministry sources stressed last night that Ben-Eliezer's transferring funds to Beit Hapalmah - the incident in question - had been approved by both Rabin and Shohat.

Ministry director-general Arye Mizrahi and Israel Lands Administration director Michael Vardi, who were also slammed by the report, are expected to be replaced shortly.

According to Labor sources, the candidates to replace Mizrahi are Uzi Vardi-Zer of Solel Boneh, Amidar director Amos Rudin and project adviser Eli Museri.

Amidat chairman Yossi Ginosar is a candidate to replace Vardi.

Former housing minister Ariel Sharon yesterday slammed Ben-Eliezer for the findings in the comptroller's report and accused him of "not having built a single house since he entered office."

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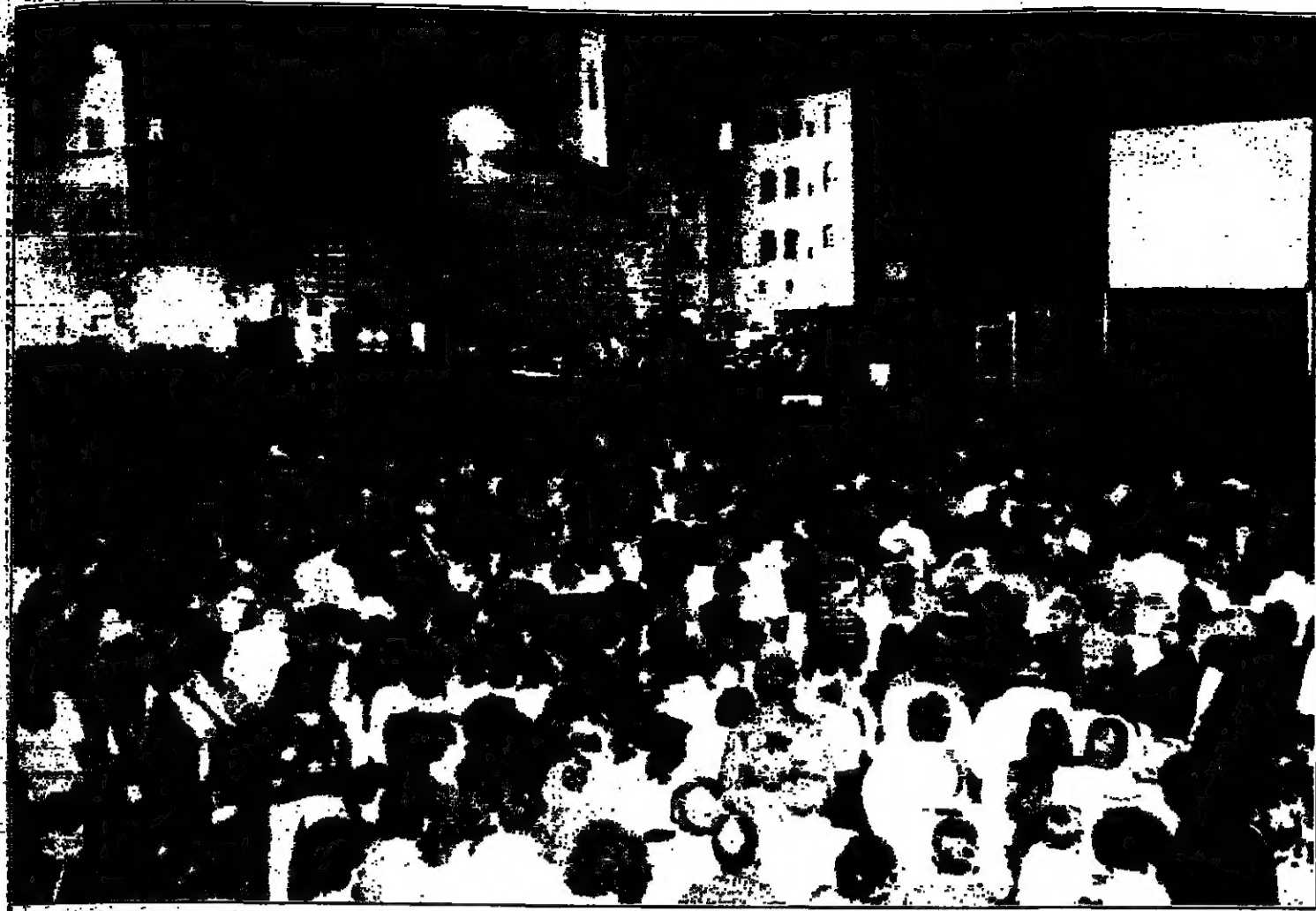
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Moslems protest as Serbs evacuated from Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - More than 300 Serbs were evacuated from the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo by bus yesterday despite bitter protests from a small group of Moslems whose relatives are detained in Serb prisons.

"My cousin has been in a Serb jail in Kula for more than two years and he wasn't even a soldier," complained 22-year old Amela Kurstovic, among the Moslem demonstrators.

"We don't want these (Serb) people to leave the city until our prisoners are released from Serb jails. They (the Serbs) have lived in Sarajevo for two years attending our schools and eating our food and now they want to make a propaganda against us by leaving and telling the world how bad conditions have been for them."

The mostly Moslem Bosnian capital has been surrounded by Serb forces since war broke out in Bosnia in April, 1992.

None of the Serb evacuees approached by reporters was willing to comment on their reasons for wanting to leave the capital.

UN peacekeepers protested yesterday after finding Bosnian government troops deployed

illegally in the military exclusion zone around Sarajevo and rival forces skirmished in artillery duels.

Rob Annink, spokesman for the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR), said 100 soldiers of the Moslem-led Bosnian army were found in the zone on Mount Igman on Friday.

A strong protest against the violation was being lodged with the Moslem command, he added.

Artillery exchanges involving Serb, Moslem and Croat forces were reported in northern Bosnia.

Bosnian Serbs blamed the Croat HVO militia for a shelling incident at Brcko on the Bosnian border with Croatia in which a civilian was killed and three people were seriously wounded yesterday.

Fighting between Moslem and Serb gunners was reported on the edges of the Moslem Tuzla enclave in the north.

Leaders of the warring factions accused each other of blocking progress in internationally

mediated peace talks.

Momcilo Krajisnik, head of the Bosnian Serb delegation to peace negotiations in the French town of Talloires, said they had not brought the factions closer.

The Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA quoted him as saying that Western and Russian officials, who hosted the meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, would have "a difficult task finding a concrete solution".

Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic of Bosnia's Moslem-led government gave a similarly pessimistic assessment.

"We haven't achieved much," he told Sarajevo radio. "Our delegation has performed responsibly, but the aggressor (Serb) side was not cooperative. They stuck by their same positions."

The Serbs earlier accused the Moslems of making "megalomaniac demands" for territory and Krajisnik, speaker of the self-styled Bosnian Serb parliament, told Bosnian Serb television that "nothing qualitatively new was achieved".

N. Korea slams door on UN nuclear inspections

VIENNA (Reuters) - Defiant North Korea has slammed the door on international inspections at its nuclear plant, fuelling suspicions that it is concealing evidence of a secret atom bomb project.

Its refusal to let UN experts take samples of spent fuel from the Yongbyon reactor, to determine whether the plant was used as a source of plutonium for bombs, is expected to force major powers to consider tough action.

The UN Security Council was considering meeting later yesterday to warn North Korea it has run out of patience after 16 months of squabbling over Pyongyang's obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Depending on North Korea's ally China, the Security Council could issue a final warning to Pyongyang to permit the inspections or face sanctions.

The United States, western powers and Asians have pursued a policy of gentle persuasion, offering economic concessions in return for allowing inspections and abandoning any nuclear-bomb aspirations it might harbor.

The secretive Stalinist state's blank refusal to permit reactor core sampling could spell the end of that approach. It coincided with

fresh reports that North Korea was preparing to test a nuclear-capable, long-range missile.

North Korea denies making nuclear weapons and warns sanctions would be an act of war - a terrifying prospect on the world's most heavily fortified frontier, where 35,000 US troops are committed to defend South Korea.

Japanese newspapers yesterday said information from a US spy satellite indicated preparations for a test launch of the Rodong-1 missile, believed to be capable of hitting major cities in South Korea and western Japan.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), nuclear safeguards arm of the United Nations, had hoped its inspectors would be allowed to take fuel samples at Yongbyon as North Korean engineers removed spent fuel rods for replacement.

"Unfortunately, no agreement was reached," the IAEA said in a statement yesterday from its Vienna headquarters.

North Korea "rejected all IAEA proposals...to select, segregate and secure fuel rods for later measurements so as to be able to verify the history of the reactor core, specifically to verify whether this is the first core."

North Korea "continued to maintain that in view of its 'unique status' it could not accept the IAEA verification measures proposed", the statement added.

Pyeongyang insists on "unique status" because it unilaterally suspended its membership of the safeguards accord of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

This formula, which is not recognized by the IAEA, would effectively give North Korea the ability to pick and choose which safeguards measures to respect.

IAEA director-general Hans Blix told UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali that only a few days remain to get the needed samples.

Blix said fuel was being discharged at a "very fast pace" which was not dictated by safety considerations.

"At the time of writing this report, almost half of the fuel in the reactor core has been discharged and in a pattern that has precluded the agency's ability to implement the full range of the safeguards measures required," Blix said.

About 3,000 of 8,000 fuel rods have been removed. If this continued at the same rate, the possibility of sampling would be "lost within days," Blix said.

Gloucester 'House of Horror' wife accused of ninth murder - her teenage daughter

GLOUCESTER (Reuters) - The wife of accused "House of Horror" serial killer Frederick West has been charged with the murder of their teenage daughter, bringing to nine the couple's joint murder count.

Police said Rosemary West, 40, had been charged together with her 52-year old husband of murdering their daughter, Heather, between May 28, 1987 - the year she disappeared - and February 27 this year. She was 16 when she went missing.

The charges stem from the discovery of the decomposed remains of 11 girls and young women at two houses and in a field outside the western England cathedral city of Gloucester.

West's last home, at 25 Cromwell Street, in central Gloucester, was dubbed the "House of Horror" by

British media after nine sets of remains were exhumed from the property.

Heather's remains were one of the first to be discovered by police searching the garden at Cromwell Street in February.

Police have completed their search of the two houses, but are continuing to dig up a field near a village where West once lived. West's first wife Catherine and their eight-year old daughter, Charmaine, were among the bodies recovered.

Rosemary West has been charged jointly with another man on two counts of rape, while Frederick West's younger brother was charged on Thursday with the rape of two girls.

West is due to appear in court on June 2 and his wife the following day.

South African security forces implicated in 1985 murders

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - South African security agents brutally murdered four anti-apartheid activists in 1985, a judge said yesterday. Relatives of the victims called on the guilty to step forward.

"In my opinion, there is... proof that it was members of the security forces that in fact carried out the murders" of Matthew Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkonte and Sicele Mhlauli, Judge Neville Zietsman said in his 84-page opinion read out in his Port Elizabeth court room.

But Zietsman, a provincial judge who has been investigating the case for the past year, was unable to identify exactly who killed the four, and left it to the attorney general to determine whether anyone should be tried.

"I can't forgive and forget, or go on with my life, until I know the actual killers," Goniwe's widow, Nyameka, said after hearing Zietsman's findings.

"We cannot close this chapter yet. I am appealing to people to step forward."

The conclusion of the Goniwe inquest comes as the post-apartheid government led by Nelson Mandela calls for reconciliation between blacks and whites in South Africa.

Mrs. Goniwe expressed qualified support for Mandela's call. "I still have to know what it means for us who have lost so much. I hope there will be some kind of mechanism to deal with our pain."

Focusing on the brutalities of

the former government, may make it difficult for Mandela, South Africa's first black president, to get the cooperation he needs from the police, army and intelligence services - still led by whites who may see a trial of those implicated in the Goniwe case as part of a witch hunt.

Mandela's African National Congress and its allies believe security forces killed thousands of activists and sympathizers during crackdowns in the 1970s and 1980s. But in case after case, official investigations had been unable to unearth links to top officials.

The ANC has offered amnesty to those who confess to using violence to further political aims before last December, when it was clear that his ANC and the former white-led government had forged a peaceful settlement.

The ANC, which stormed to power in April in the first South African election to include the black majority, now must decide how best to balance cries for retribution and calls for forgiveness; the urge to disclose and the need to heal.

The ANC contends the full story of the horrors of apartheid must be told if the nation is to move forward. But Mandela has also pleaded for reconciliation after decades of racial strife.

The ANC proposal presented Friday before the country's first all-race parliament would grant amnesty to anyone who fully disclosed political crimes committed before Dec. 5, 1993.

Battles ease around Aden as peace moves intensify

ADEN (Reuters) - Battles between Yemen's armies tapered off around the southern stronghold of Aden yesterday amid moves by Arab states to involve the UN Security Council in efforts to end a three-week-old civil war.

A tense lull punctuated only by sporadic shelling appeared to have taken hold on fronts around Aden, a port city that northern forces have repeatedly vowed to capture.

The southerners appeared content to defend Aden against an army almost twice as large as their own. Officers said they had been ordered to defend their positions and not attack.

"With each day that passes they lose a little bit, and time is on our side," said southern Brigadier Saleh Tammah, speaking at a front line 43 km north of Aden's outskirts.

The war erupted on May 4 after nearly a year of quarrelling between President Ali Abdullah Saleh and southern strongman

Ali Salem al-Baidh, the two men who merged North and South Yemen into a single state in 1990.

Baidh announced on May 21 that the south was seceding from the union of 13 million people and called for international recognition of his new Democratic Republic of Yemen.

After a night of heavy shelling on the Zingbar front northeast of Aden, the area was quiet yesterday and southern soldiers appeared relaxed.

On the western front southern forces repelled a northern attack this week and the northerners fell back towards the former north-south border area of Bab al-Mandeb, some 100 km from Aden, southern officials said.

The southern air force, which has dominated the skies, is still flying out of Aden. Tammah said it was bombing northern supply lines.

"They have failed in their attacks on all fronts and have switched to defending the ground they have gained," he said.

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In response to government call, KKL-JNF is employing some 3,500 jobless immigrants and demobilized soldiers and with their help has repaired and established dozens of recreation sites all over the country.

As part of this operation, landscaping was improved alongside dozens of kilometers of major traffic arteries in the northern, central and southern regions (in cooperation with the Public Works Department and the Employment Service).

The Hula Development Project

The first stage of the project has been completed. Some 2 million cu.m. of earth were excavated and the historical Jordan River channel repaired and restored. A 1,000 dunam water body was established and dozens of kilometers of canals dug out. The project is aimed at improving the quality of water flowing into the Sea of Galilee, bettering and upgrading agricultural areas and creating additional sources of income for regional residents (in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Israel Lands Administration).

Infrastructure for Tourism Projects

Work was stepped up in laying the infrastructure for tourism projects that create income for hundreds of families all over the country, from Goren Park and Ma'alot in Western Galilee, the shores of the Sea of Galilee shoreline and Huga Gardens in the Beit She'an Valley, to Nahal Besor's Scenic Route in the Western Negev.

Regulating and Rehabilitating Riverbeds

KKL-JNF has carried out dozens of projects to rehabilitate and regulate the riverbeds. River banks were repaired and reinforced. Riverbeds were cleared and regulated, averting winter-flood damage. Alongside some, rest and recreation areas were developed.

Afforestation

An additional 7.5 million trees were planted on some 83,000 dunams. Israel's man-made forests total some 800 thousand dunams in area and 200 million trees in number.

KKL-JNF forests and sites attract some 12 million annual visitors.

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KKL-JNF prepared land for the construction of 87,000 housing units at more than 50 locations around the country, thereby assisting in the absorption of hundreds of thousands of new immigrants and in providing housing solutions for many Israelis. In the agriculture sector, some 7,500 dunams of land were prepared.

Education and Youth

Some 40,000 youngsters from Israel and abroad spent summers at KKL-JNF forest camps and field centers, this, on top of KKL-JNF's ongoing educational work during the school year.

Missions and Visitors

More than 80 missions, numbering some 5,000 KKL-JNF active members and supporters from all over the world visited Israel at the initiative of KKL-JNF offices abroad.

Tourists and visitors planted some 120,000 trees while in the country.

China, businesses welcome Clinton's MFN decision

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton's administration moved yesterday to counter criticism it has surrendered human rights in China for economic gain.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher and senior officials maintained, in speeches and briefings, that the pursuit of human rights is still a priority, despite President Clinton's decision to extend China's favored trade status.

Officials gave out a list of ways the United States will push for improvements - through intensified diplomatic discussions with Beijing, support of human rights groups, working through the United Nations, contacts with dissidents in China, establishing new Radio Free Asia broadcasts and encouraging US firms to adopt a voluntary code of principles to govern business in China.

China said Clinton has created a historic opportunity to better relations with Beijing by cutting the link between China's human rights conduct and its US trading rights, China said.

"Chinese-American relations are important, and the importance far exceeds other bilateral relationships," Wu Jianmin, spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, told reporters.

Wu expressed regret that Clinton banned Chinese gun imports. He also urged Clinton to lift a US ban on high-tech equipment sales to China imposed after Beijing used troops and tanks to crush democracy protests in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

"The current situation offers a historic opportunity for the enhancement of bilateral relations," Wu said. But he later added: "We also realize that it is wrong to say there are no obstacles in relations between the two countries."

China rejects outside attempts to influence its policy. Wu said Washington's concerns over human rights in China were unwarranted "and interfered in China's internal affairs."

China has promised it could make more progress without the threat of having its trade status revoked, Christopher said yesterday.

Chinese leaders "understand that the quality of the relationship between the United States and China will depend upon whether they make progress on

human rights," Christopher in response to a question after his Asia Society speech.

"We have their attention. They're willing to discuss human rights with us, if reluctantly," he added. For the past five years, US businessmen in China had watched anxiously during Washington's annual debate over MFN and human rights. So US firms were delighted at Clinton's decision.

"It's great. A very brave move," said Anne Stevenson-Wang, China director for the U.S.-China Business Council.

Phil Carmichael, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing, said "It means I won't have to spend one-third to one-half of my time each year trying to get MFN renewed."

American businessmen feared that revoking MFN for China would invite retaliation from Beijing, freezing them out of the world's fastest growing economy.

Human rights groups, however, were critical, saying Clinton had removed all pressure on China to improve human rights.

The decision to renew MFN was a retreat from last year, when Clinton said China must produce "overall significant progress" on human rights this year to win renewal.

Human Rights Watch/Asia, based in New York, said that "far from improving, the overall human rights situation has significantly worsened" since Clinton set his conditions on MFN in May 1993.

Few Chinese dissidents could be reached for comment, mainly because police have cut their phones or are holding them in custody. Dozens of dissidents have been detained in recent months, including leading activist Wei Jingsheng.

Lin Xinsu, an activist and traditional medicine pharmacist from the southeast coastal city of Fuzhou, said Clinton was right to engage China, not isolate it by revoking MFN.

"We want Chinese-US relations to be friendly. The United States can use other channels to raise the human rights issue," he said by telephone.

Ding Ziling, a professor and dissident in Beijing, said the MFN policy had achieved only limited human rights improvements.

Indispensable Congress panel head Rostenkowski becomes dispensable

THIS was the plan: Dan Rostenkowski would finish out his three-decade House career by applying all his skill and clout to President Clinton's health-care reform drive, and go out in a blaze of righteous glory.

Instead he's trying to avoid indictments and jail time as a result of a federal probe into his use of office and campaign accounts.

Whether he is indicted or accepts a plea bargain, the burly Chicago Democrat is unlikely to be chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee much longer.

For years Rostenkowski has been a larger-than-life presence on Capitol Hill, a master deal-maker whose name is synonymous with power and influence.

No one denies there would be a leadership vacuum without him. The man in line to succeed him, Florida Rep. Sam Gibbons, does not cut nearly as wide a swath.

But Congress has remarkable regenerative powers. Few believe the loss of Rostenkowski would be anything but a temporary setback for health care.

Ways and Means committee members, who have a vested interest in promoting their own competence, say they are perfectly capable of carrying the ball on the president's top legislative priority.

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Gibbons, 74, a trade expert, says he's not a novice on health and already is consulting on legislative matters with the Clintons. Rep. Pete Stark, chairman of the Ways and Means health subcommittee, predicts it would take the full committee only a week to reorganize and carry on if Rostenkowski left.

The Clinton administration for some months gave the distinct impression that Rostenkowski was pivotal to its health-care reform drive. Part of that was due to a tough primary race the White House wanted him to survive.

Clinton "very much needs Congressman Rostenkowski's help to succeed," Democratic Party Chairman David Wilhelm said before that election. Clinton himself said Rostenkowski had "played a critical role" in achieving the administration's goals.

The congressman did survive his primary, only to run up against the conclusion of the US attorney's two-year investigation.

Congressional legal sources say Rostenkowski has only two unpleasant options: Resign his seat in Congress, plead guilty to a felony and serve an unspecified jail

sentence; or reject the offer and risk indictment on wider charges.

A resolution could come by the end of tomorrow. But either way, Rostenkowski's 13-year tenure as committee chairman would end. Democratic caucus rules would require him to step aside if indicted.

The potential loss of Rostenkowski is far from the only problem facing the Clinton plan. The most serious ones, many believe, are the substantive ones: abortion battles, insurance premium caps, a tobacco tax, universal coverage, mandatory purchasing, co-operations and employers paying most health insurance.

Yet even as the Rostenkowski drama plays out, the nitty-gritty of congressional work goes on.

The political drama would continue to unfold without Rostenkowski. If a new chairman should fall short, House veterans say other committee members or perhaps even House leaders would step in and fill any breach.

It's always possible for the new chairman to surprise everyone.

Hidden talents emerge, people grow into jobs, Congress goes on. As one Capitol Hill veteran warned, lest the lamentations over Rostenkowski get out of hand, "The graveyard is littered with the bones of indispensable men." (AP)



One of the masked hijackers, who seized a bus with 26 children and adults, leads a woman hostage carrying two bags of money to a helicopter on Friday. The standoff ended several hours later when Russian commandos captured the kidnappers and freed the hostages.

One kidnapper escapes as Russian commandos free hostages from 'copter

MOSCOW (AP) - One of the gunmen who kidnapped a busload of people was not killed in a shootout as previously reported and is apparently still at large in a rebel region of southern Russia, officials said yesterday.

Russian commandos captured three of the four kidnappers and freed their hostages unharmed Friday. At the time, Interior Ministry officials said the fourth kidnapper was killed trying to escape.

But yesterday, a ministry spokesman, Yuri Reshetnikov, said he was not killed.

Instead, he escaped into the woods after the kidnappers' helicopter landed in Chechnya, a mountainous region of southern Russia which has declared independence, Reshetnikov said.

He said the man was being sought by Chechen militia and "volunteers." All four kidnappers were identified as Chechens.

Russian commandos' decision not to pursue the man in what they considered hostile territory underscores Chechnya's reputation as a fierce place and a breeding ground for ruthless criminal gangs. Most men in Chechnya carry weapons and strangers - especially Russians - are unwelcome.

"It is hard to find out anything from Chechnya," Reshetnikov acknowledged. "We know nothing about his condition."

He said the three other kidnappers, the ransom and the four hostages had all been returned to the southern Russian city of Mineralnye Vody Friday.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said it had conflicting reports about the fourth man's fate. Some said he was wounded but still on the run, others that he had been captured.

Mystery also surrounded the ransom. Russian officials have variously said the kidnappers got \$4 million, \$6 million, \$8 million and \$10 million in cash.

"This is the most difficult question," Reshetnikov said, admitting he did not have solid information about the amount recovered. He said the money was being counted yesterday and a tally might be available afterward.

News agency reports from Chechnya quoted local officials as saying \$4 million was recovered by the Russian commandos.

The hostage drama began when the gunmen hijacked a passenger bus. They traded several hostages, including all eight children, for guns and drugs and then drove the bus to Mineralnye Vody.

Cypriot 'dragon' is only an owl

NICOSIA (AP) - How an owl will howl.

Thousands of people have been drawn to the medieval walls of Famagusta, the island's Turkish sector of Cyprus, to listen to screaming and breathing-like sounds coming from inside.

Sheikh Nazim Kibrisi, an Islamic leader, sharpened public curiosity by claiming the sounds came from a 500-year-old dragon that was the legendary guardian of Famagusta Castle - where William Shakespeare set *Othello*.

They were a sign that "the day of judgment has come and that must be the end of the world - or of the Turks," the daily *Kibris* quoted him as saying.

Rauf Denktaş, Turkish Cypriot leader, was moved to announce that the sounds came from owls nesting in the dungeons of the castle, newspapers reported yesterday.

Major defends tough line on beggars

LONDON (Reuter) - British Prime Minister John Major yesterday defended his view that beggars were offensive and should be arrested, stirring heated debate.

Opposition politicians, seizing on his words as ammunition in the campaign for the European Parliament elections, said he was personally to blame for throwing penniless teenagers on the street.

Charities for the homeless accused Major of failing to understand the problem, saying government policies had increased the numbers of homeless people forced to beg.

Major was quoted in the *Bristol Evening Post* on Friday as saying beggars were offensive and should be reported to the police.

"It is an offensive thing to beg," he said. "It is unnecessary. So I think people should be very rigorous with it."

Yesterday Major repeated his comments. "I stand by what I said," he told reporters as he campaigned for the June 9 elections to

the European Union assembly. "I set out yesterday what I think many millions of people in this country feel. There is no need for beggars on the streets."

Jack Straw, the opposition Labour Party's campaign coordinator, said Major's Conservative government was responsible for an increase in the number of beggars in Britain's cities.

"The number of beggars on the streets is a potent symbol of the social collapse that has occurred under John Major's government."

An acute housing shortage developed under Major's predecessor Margaret Thatcher after she introduced tighter social security regulations and a policy to discharge mentally ill people from hospital into the community.

Charities say many of those released under this policy have been living on the streets and begging. They also blame a 1988 policy denying welfare benefits to teenagers who the government said should be

cared for by their families. Straw said Major helped implement this policy. "As a social security minister it was he who was personally responsible for ending benefits for 16- and 17-year-olds who were causing trouble on the streets."

Nick Hardwick of the Centrepoint charity, which tries to find accommodation for the homeless in London, said government bureaucracy made it difficult for people to collect benefits.

"The problem is if you haven't got an address you can't get a job. On the other hand, if you haven't got a job it's difficult to afford a place to live," he said.

Major's comments struck a chord among some Britons who say they are intimidated by aggressive panhandlers.

Newspapers have published series of stories portraying some as clever businesspeople who make a good living by fooling the soft-hearted.

Convicted Lebanese murderer executed

BEIRUT (AP) - A man convicted of killing three policemen to escape arrest on drug trafficking charges was executed by a firing squad in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley yesterday, police said.

Shaker Breidi, 42, was the fourth murder convict to be executed since capital punishment was reintroduced March 22 to check a crime wave that threatened Lebanon's stability after the

end of the civil war in 1990. Breidi, a Shiite Muslim, was executed before dawn by a 12-man firing squad. The execution took place at a government prison in Chataura, eastern Lebanon.

He was convicted and sentenced to death last month after his arrest in a police crackdown against drug trafficking in the Bekaa, one of the world's most renowned sources of narcotics.

President Elias Hrawi and Prime Minister Rafik Hariri ratified the sentence.

During the anti-drug sweep, Breidi engaged policemen in a fire fight, killing three of them. He later was overpowered and arrested.

The government reactivated the death penalty after a long debate that followed the murder Jordanian diplomat Naeb Imran Masayna in Beirut Jan. 29.

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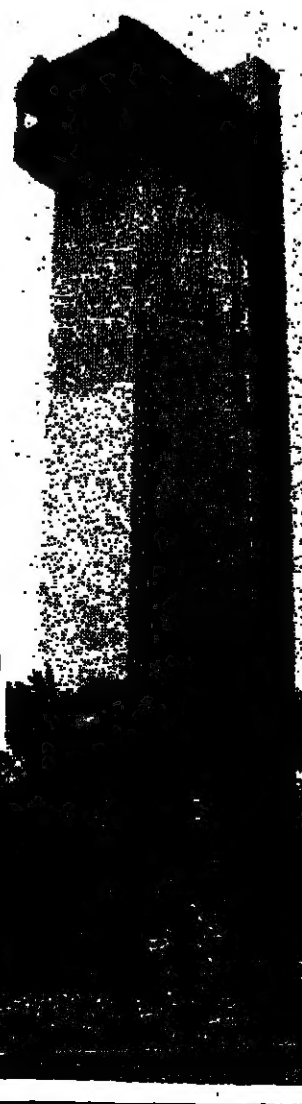
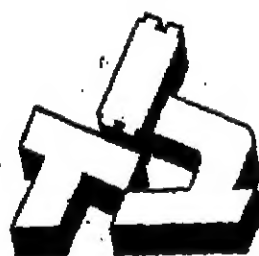
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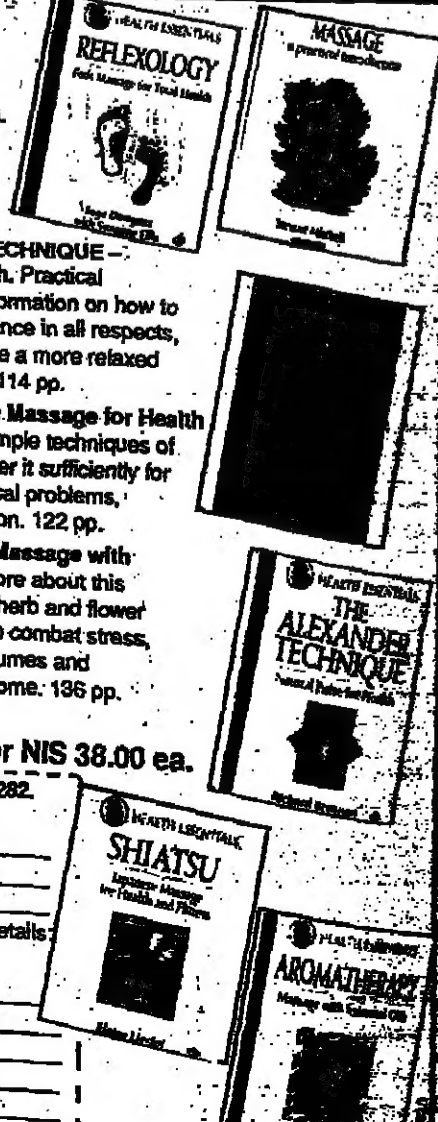
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THE real successes of the Israel Festival this year, like last year, are the outdoor events around the Jerusalem Theater complex organized by the Municipality's Culture Department.

Each evening, thousands of visitors gather around the festival site to enjoy a variety of music, dance and theater presentations, as well as various exhibitions, free of charge.

Dan Halperin, chairman of the festival board, says he feels "there is a good atmosphere at the festival," noting that the Jerusalem Theater and its environs are always crowded.

"But I still get complaints about the high prices of festival tickets, and I agree with that, although there is nothing I can do about it."

The best events in life are (usually) free

However, a close examination of prices suggests that the average tickets are not that expensive compared to prices for events during the year. And when an event is considered popular or important, ticket prices never seem to be a barrier. Tickets for next week's *Carmen* at Sultan's Pool (NIS 86 to NIS 230) are selling steadily, though 11,000 of the available 36,000 tickets have yet to be sold. Tickets for Peter Brook's *The Man Who* (NIS 93 to NIS 150) vanished in an instant.

The message is clear: give us good art, and we are willing to

pay for it. During this week, the festival's second, the good art will be mainly in the early-music department, though Brook's company is still here and theater-lovers are still doing everything they can to get in.

HALPERIN says the opening week "was the most Israeli week we ever had. It began with the Batsheva Dance Company, and the controversy around its work has not yet died down. It's somewhat amusing to me, but it is good."

Batsheva opened the festival with a new work by Ohad Na-

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harin, ZNA, which was far from the crowd-pleaser opening-night audiences expect. It was a powerful creation, but challenging and not so easy to watch.

Micah Lewensohn, the festival's artistic director, says: "One has to pay a price when presenting a local premiere in the festival. You feature a work that has never been seen before and its creators thus lack that initial meeting with the audience which occasionally shapes a work. But it is a price I'm very happy to pay for such a premiere."

Nonetheless it isn't clear that Israeli events are what the public wants. More than a few Israeli performances were staged before half-empty halls, even when the performers were such veteran entertainers as Yossi Banai and Nurit Galron.

And when two of Israel's orchestras - the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba - presented special programs (the Sinfonietta playing music by composers who died in the Holocaust), more seats were empty than occupied. Perhaps the festival simply puts much less emphasis on marketing

the local events than the imported ones.

The festival's first week also featured several single-actor plays at the Khan. These played often to less-than-full houses, raising more than a few questions about the necessity of such a program. There is, of course, an obvious budgetary reason - these productions are very cheap to bring.

LEWENSOHN seems happy with the festival so far, but scolds classical music lovers for their conservatism.

"This specific audience is will-

ing to purchase tickets only for artists they are familiar with, like Pogorelich, and for a program that is classical in nature. While dance and theater audiences are willing to experiment, classical music lovers are far back."

Lewensohn says that while he loves to see full houses, these don't often occur except for special events.

TONIGHT is a rather lean night, with only two concerts scheduled at the 10 Jerusalem locales hosting festival events.

The rest of the week will focus on a series of early-music concerts featuring some of the world's leading groups, including Ensemble PAN, whose first concert, a ravishing success, was unfortunately attended by a relatively small audience.

High adventure on human scale

FILM REVIEW

ADINA HOFFMAN

CRIMSON TIDE

★★★★

Directed by Tony Scott. Screenplay by Michael Schiffer. Hebrew title: *Konamit Miyadi*. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.

Hunter Denzel Washington
Ramsey Gene Hackman
Zimmer Matt Craven
Cob George Dzundza

Despite the Cold War color scheme of its title, *Crimson Tide* belongs to an invigorating new category of action movie.

But what am I saying? The category to which *Crimson Tide* belongs is probably the oldest and most dog-eared of the genre. As in epic warhorses like *Potemkin* or *Mutiny on the Bounty*, Tony Scott's film draws its force from a dynamic power struggle between

live personalities. So maybe this type of picture is not completely novel. Still, after years of watching homicidal androids like Schwarzenegger and Stallone engulf rounds of automatic gunfire into the guts of their faceless victims, the battle of wills depicted in Tony Scott's movie at least feels different, tauter, grander, human.

His characters - and they are characters, not robotic good guys or bad ones - only resort to their guns when they have no other choice, and even then it costs them dearly. I suppose it's a sad comment on the state of the art when the absence of a shooting spree seems like radical innovation.

Crimson Tide is complex where it needs to be, and spare in important places. It begins with a finely brewed theatrical premise:

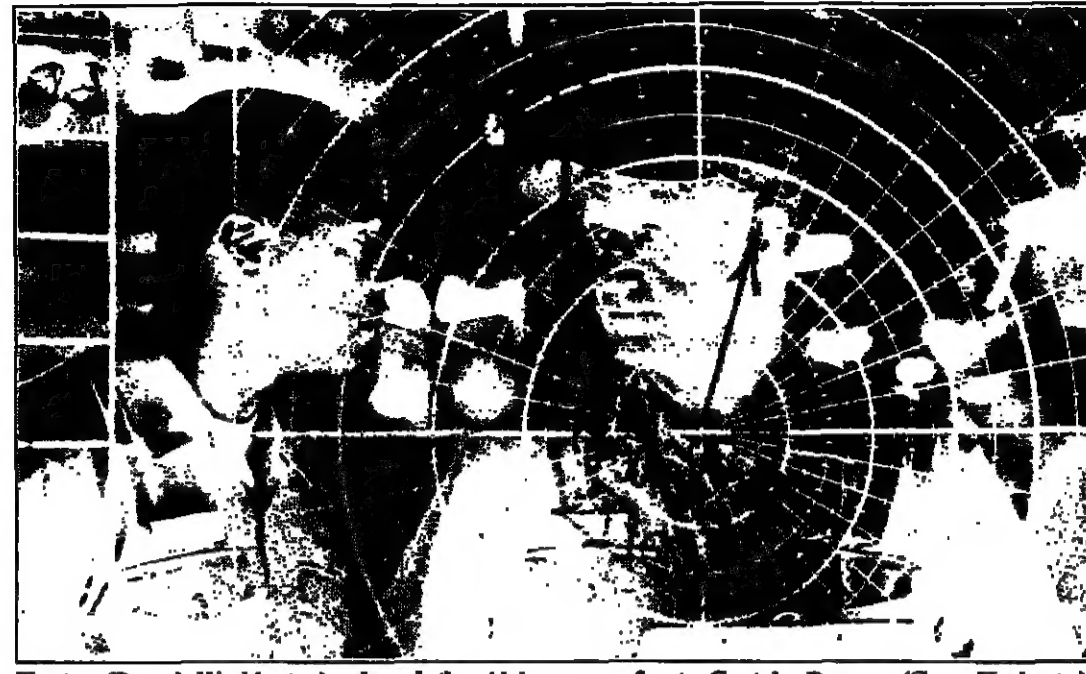
all the action will take place underwater. In the opening scenes, torrential rains pelt down and form a shimmering scrim that stands between the camera and the huddled, drenched figures. The Flood seems to be on its way.

Then, the drama shifts to its primary setting, the interior of an American nuclear submarine. An intricate maze of metal staircases and ghoulishly lit control rooms, the USS *Alabama* may look like a spaceship, but it functions more like a pressure cooker. The men stationed on board the sub are confined many, many thousands of leagues under the sea with just each other and their atomic tow. And as if tight quarters, oceanic submersion and the proximity of so much radioactive tonnage weren't enough to create tension, then this is: the *Alabama* has been ordered to prepare for attack against rightist Russian rebels who have started a civil war in their own country and are now threatening to launch their nuclear missiles at the US.

Hunter (Denzel Washington), a thoughtful young Navy officer and scholar of military strategy, has been called in at the last minute to serve as second-in-command to Captain Ramsey (Gene Hackman), a crusty veteran of the Cuban missile crisis, among other international standoffs.

A firm believer in authority - especially his own - Ramsey puffs on a cigar and, rather quaintly, boasts a dog for a best friend. He talks with the steely bravado of a football coach ("We're here to preserve democracy, not practice it").

No war monger, he does sup-



Hunter (Denzel Washington), aboard the *Alabama*, confronts Captain Ramsey (Gene Hackman).

port the use of force to keep America strong. Should the US have dropped the bomb on Hiroshima? One night the officers sit around the dinner table, eyeing each other and laughing nervously as they discuss this loaded question.

"If I didn't think so, I wouldn't be here," answers Hunter, with a cryptic smile. Ramsey, for his part, offers an unconditional "yes," and only half playfully accuses the younger, black man of being "complicated."

It's a tricky charge - scornful on the one hand, and almost envious on the other. Hunter is skeptical of authority as Ramsey is certain of its infallibility. (The former swallows with difficulty each time he's forced to address the other as "Sir.") Ramsey and Hunter are each products of their age and their race, and no matter how much they disagree, it's something they both understand. This shared knowledge keeps them in check.

The friction increases, however, and eventually erupts in a full-scale mutiny. As Ramsey moves to fire on Russia, Hunter refuses

to second his decision, insisting that a broken radio transmitter be repaired and communication be reestablished before the deadly measure is taken.

Admittedly, this struggle for control of the all-male crew and the killer missiles has a bizarre, homoerotic edge. To ejaculate or not to ejaculate? This is the question around which most of *Crimson Tide* centers.

It's a conundrum that's reinforced rather hilariously by numerous lingering shots of the huge phallic vessel plowing through the deep, into which it occasionally shoots a well-aimed torpedo or two.

There is, it seems to me, a fair dose of irony lurking behind the boys-will-be-boys activity that fills up the movie. When screenwriter Michael Schiffer taps the standard male rituals of bonding and domi-

nation or scripts another loving close-up of that long submarine, he does so knowingly.

Along with the archaic-sounding military lingo and stylized setting, these elements are necessary for the kind of high-adrenaline theatrics the film strives so hard to create.

(Although he was not given official credit, Quentin Tarantino was supposedly hired to spike up the dialogue, a bit of trivia which further confirms my sense that these macho displays are not entirely in earnest.)

If there is a complaint to be lodged against *Crimson Tide* it's that, perhaps, the movie is too calculating, too aware of just what it must do in order to sweep and stir us. The operatic score swells and the pulse obediently quickens... And swept and stirred we are.

Still hammering away

MARY CAMPBELL

PETER, Paul and Mary are in Peter's living room, rehearsing songs for an album, like the folk-singing trio first started doing in Mary's apartment in Greenwich Village 34 years ago.

The two men sit facing each other, playing guitars. Mary sits between them, singing with a rich, nostalgic tone: "Cause I scraped away the peeling paint and found the wood was good and strong."

"And I found a firm foundation had been there all along. There's nothing here that a little work and time can't heal. 'Cause everything underneath is real."

Peter Yarrow says exultantly, "Isn't that a song about America?"

Mary Travis says, "When we do political benefits, I say, 'You're going to love this song. It could be about the country, a house or a relationship. If you don't do the maintenance work, you're not going to have it.'"

That song, "24 Green Street," is part of their new Warner Bros. disc, *LifeLines*.

Paul Stookey, who knows author-songwriter John Fischer, brought Fischer's song to the other two.

For the first time ever on a Peter, Paul and Mary recording, they invited guests to perform with them: John Gorka of the "new folkie" movement, Dave Van Ronk and Richie Havens, confreres in the trio's early Greenwich Village days; the three surviving members of the Weavers, Pete Seeger, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Hellerman; and Woody Guthrie's disciple, Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

Peter, Paul and Mary were a little ahead of the urban folk boom when they made their debut in 1961 at the Bitter End in Greenwich Village. They soon became one of its most successful groups.

After a decade of constant togetherness, they went their separate ways.

Peter worked on three animated TV specials based on his song "Puff, the Magic Dragon," wrote "Torn Between Two Lovers" for Mary MacGregor, and worked for the emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union.

Noel Paul used his first name, released a solo hit "Wedding Song (There Is Love)" and put together a Christian group, the Bodyworks Band, with whom he still tours.

Mary recorded and toured. She spoke against the Vietnam War at a concert at West Point.

When they began, Peter, Paul and Mary recorded emerging songwriters - Bob Dylan, Gordon Lightfoot and John Denver.

They're still doing that. They're singing Cheryl Wheeler's "75 Septembers," Sally Fingers' "Home Is Where the Heart Is," and Buddy Mondlock's "The Kid."

The latter song was a winner at the Kerrville, Texas, Folk Festival. Paul says they felt an electric thrill of discovery when they heard it.

"We were sitting around this coffee table, playing the tape," he says.

"Our eyes met simultaneously as the last words were being delivered. I don't think we've had a moment of epiphany like that in 20 years." (AP)

An Estonian choir leader's dream come true

TONU Kaljuste has long dreamed of visiting Israel. The Estonian conductor almost fulfilled his dream last spring, when a series of concerts by his Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir was announced. However, the concerts were eventually canceled.

"There were some problems on the Israeli side and so they canceled, as tickets weren't sold," Kaljuste said in an interview from Stockholm.

But Kaljuste never stopped yearning to come here.

"I know a lot about your land from the Bible," he said. "And I have most colorful memories of Jewish culture from members of the Moscow Jewish Theater, who came many times to Tallinn [Estonia's capital]. They opened my mind to this culture, which has a very interesting feeling for me. I have since researched Jewish folklore and I hope that now I will be able to learn more about it first hand."

He will be fulfilling his dream when he leads his choir in a series of concerts at the Israel Festival, the Abu Ghosh Festival, and other venues. Some of the concerts will be in tandem with the Israel Camerata Rehovot orchestra.

ESTONIANS in general, and Kaljuste's choir in particular, are very proud of the musical heritage of Arvo Part, Estonia's leading composer. Local music and dance buffs alike are familiar with Part's music, which is often used by Batsheva Dance Company artistic director Ohad Naharin in his various works.

Now we will be able to hear Part's a cappella music as well, in as authentic a staging as possible.

But Kaljuste and his choir do not only champion the contemporary music of Estonia. They also perform their country's traditional folk music clad in traditional costumes; and they will do this here, too.

"When we perform vocal music we can also show a little bit of our special culture visually, a culture which is very old... and had a big influence on our own times," Kaljuste said.

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Next week the visiting choir will perform Handel's oratorio *Saul* with the Israel Camerata Rehovot at the Tower of David.

"We have never performed Handel outdoors but it will be very interesting, especially because of the connection between the content of this work and the site itself," Kaljuste said.

KALJUSTE, in his early forties, spends half the year in Tallinn and the other half in Stockholm, where he works with Swedish or-

chestras and choirs.

The Estonian choir opens the Abu Ghosh Festival in a program of a cappella music by Part and Bach this Friday and next Sunday. This program will be repeated at the Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem (June 5).

The choir is to perform Estonian folk music this Saturday morning at Jerusalem's YMCA.

The performance of Handel's *Saul*, under the baton of Avner Biran, takes place on June 7, with further performances on June 8 in Rehovot and June 9 and 10 at the Tel Aviv Museum.

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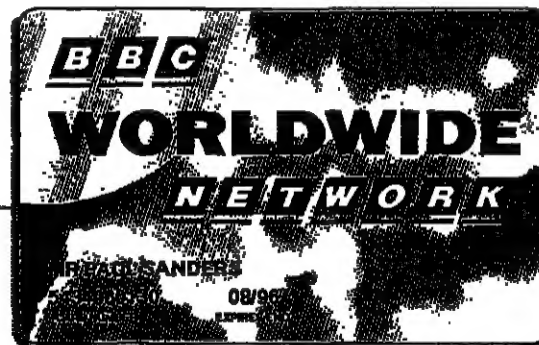
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Reality and Assad's image

A first glimpse of the news from Damascus last week was encouraging. For the first time, Syrian officials said they regretted the publication of an antisemitic diatribe. This expression of regret was short of apology or condemnation, but it nevertheless indicated remorse. It came in response to a complaint by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher about an article published in the English-language *Syria Times*, dictator Hafez Assad's personal mouthpiece, which asserted Jews had undue influence on US foreign policy and the American media. Reflecting the standard Syrian grasp of Western reality, the article also asserted 30 percent of Protestant bishops were Jews.

Nor was the Syrian response the only unique aspect of the story. That US ambassador in Damascus Christopher Ross protested in unequivocal terms, charging that the article "was written in an inflammatory tone reminiscent of Nazi propaganda," was also a first. No such protest against antisemitic manifestations in Arab countries has been registered by the State Department in recent memory.

And yet it is difficult to view the episode as a meaningful sign of progress. The Syrians, expressing regret about the content and tone of the article, made a point of stressing that it "had not been commissioned by the government and had no official standing." But nothing can be printed in the *Syria Times* without the express approval, if not instruction, of Assad's office. Its publication the day before Christopher arrived in Damascus was, as the Soviets used to say, "no accident." This is why it was clearly noticed: on other days and in the Syrian Arabic press, such articles are a common occurrence.

The "regrets" were clearly prompted by the Syrian desire to improve relations with the US, not to placate Israel. Someone in Assad's court must have realized that if Christopher considers antisemitic slanders repugnant enough to protest against them, it would be wise to express regrets. But the incident should give the American "peace team" pause. Unlike Israel's talks with the PLO, which have been conducted with virtually no American help, the talks with Assad are dependent on US involvement. And it is the Americans, far more convinced than the Israelis that Assad is sincere in his professions of peace, who are trying to sell the notion of Syria's good intentions to Israel.

Much of this selling takes the form of Assad-cleansing. The Syrian dictator is not only portrayed as a man of honor and integrity, he

is described as practically a double of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. A Reuter dispatch two weeks ago quoted US officials accompanying Christopher as saying that Rabin and Assad are "almost mirror images of each other... they are both former military commanders known for being tough and cautious, both are about the same age and both have declared that 1994 is a year of decision."

If the hype sounds familiar, it is because it is strikingly similar to the American descriptions of Saddam Hussein in 1990. Almost exactly four years ago, Senators Bob Dole, Howard Metzenbaum and others returned from a meeting with the Iraqi dictator with the same kind of ecstatic, mindless assurances of his intelligence, toughness, integrity and grasp of his country's need for peace and cooperation with the West.

Now even the Israeli leadership seems willing to forget Assad's unmatched brutality: the massacre of 20,000 civilians in Hama in 1982, the massacres of countless Christians and Palestinians in Lebanon, the assassinations of Lebanese leaders, the bombing of the marine compound in Beirut which killed 250 Americans and which the CIA has blamed on Assad's intelligence services, and other enormities. And even among the more realistic Israeli politicians there is a stubborn belief that Assad keeps his word, that he will honor an agreement.

This, too, is a myth. Assad has no more respect for contracts than Yasser Arafat does, though he does not hark back to Mohammed to excuse breaking them. He broke his word to the Saudis and the Reagan administration to respect the May 1983 Israel-Lebanon agreement. He has discarded the inter-Arab Taif agreement which stipulated the departure of the Syrian army from Lebanon by September of last year, and he has broken every promise to grant independence to the Beirut government. That he also continues to use the Hizbullah as a proxy army and support the 10 "rejectionist" terrorist organizations, and that the Syrian army runs one of the biggest drug operations in the world serve to complete the picture. The image of Assad some of Christopher's associates promote has little to do with reality.

Blatant antisemitic articles in Assad's newspapers (an editorial in *Al Ba'ath* recently described *Schindler's List* as an attempt to deflect attention from "Israeli aggression") may prove useful if they sound an alarm in the minds of those who prod Israel to sacrifice the Golan for "peace" with the Damascus regime.



'Ayatollah' for Russia

OLEG SAVELZON

IN his famous *Escape from Freedom*, Erich Fromm concludes that a considerable part of Western society feels uncomfortable in situations where a choice must be made from among a large number of alternatives. People, Fromm says, strive to limit their choices artificially, thereby "escaping from freedom."

For Fromm, the ability to make decisions is one of the major human values. Apparently, the more refined a society's decision-making, the more fruitful the functioning of its democracy and market economy.

This idea has never been characteristic of Russian and Soviet culture. It is clear why: there was simply no source in Russia from which to derive it. The Russian philosopher Fedotov showed that Russia has always lived in "slavery" (under rulers' despotism), only occasionally interrupted by short periods of license.

Freedom for Fedotov is political, first and foremost. But it is also partly everyday freedom — something ordinary Russian people have never had.

Fedotov's "slavery" can be understood in Fromm's sense as a total absence of freedom of choice. Russians had one ideology, one party, one candidate in elections. There was a very thorough regulation of industrial plans, and passport registration that tied people to a certain place of residence. Graduating students were assigned to specific places of work, and so on.

Political, economic, spiritual and, indeed, everyday decisions constantly made by people in the West were made in the USSR by the system. For many, ironically, this provided great psychological comfort.

One theory like Fromm's can offer an explanation for why "slavery" is preferable to freedom.

It is my feeling that the only figure who might be welcomed in the role of "master" in Russia today is Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who is on his way back to resume life in his homeland, after almost 20 years in exile.

Obviously, Solzhenitsyn would not be participating in a conventional political struggle. He wouldn't be creating a new party, leading an already existing one or standing for president.

He could, however, rise as a spiritual leader of the nation, as a sort of ayatollah. The establishing of "ayatollahism" in Russia seems quite possible within the existing constitutional system. For it to happen, the people need only vote for the candidates pointed out by Solzhenitsyn. They will "organize Russia" in accordance with his directions.

After the end of the first stage of ayatollahism, the personality of the ayatollah and his ideas would be canonized, and the religious orthodoxy of the "ayatollah" would be the basis for the new "slavery." To my mind, only within such a social arrangement can Russia remain Russia.

There is every reason for Russians to believe that Solzhenitsyn's move to Russia gives hope not so much for the better, but rather for prevention of the worse.

The writer, associated with the Louis Guttman Israel Institute of Applied Social Research, is investigating the manifestations of Soviet-style decision-making in the life of immigrants from the ex-USSR.

ready to be "enslaved" once more. Suffice it to mention data from the Institute for the Sociology of Parliamentarism showing that the number of Russian citizens who consider glasnost and freedom of speech important dropped from 51 percent to 12 percent between December 1988 and December 1993.

A SITUATION like this can normally be explained in terms of popular dissatisfaction with worsening living standards, with political instability and, socially, with the absence of a clear direction in life. But every Russian knows that good things are much more available in the West than they were in the USSR under Communist "slavery." Indeed, the Russian press is giving the realities of "a free world" wide and positive coverage.

THE RETURNING Solzhenitsyn is the spiritual 'master' Russians crave

Tell the world the truth

ELLIOTT A. GREEN

"HISTORY is bunk," Henry Ford once said. But Israel's Arab enemies spend a great deal of time and effort arguing their cause on the basis of history.

This is why the PLO has been demanding archeological artifacts. Possession of these tangible relics of the past, they believe, gives them the right to demand the future.

In order to make their historical case, Arab ideologues and propagandists have to do a great deal of historical invention. That is, they have to lie. They have made up a new version of ancient history, one unknown even among Arabs before 1948.

They now claim the existence of a "Palestinian people" going back to earliest times. Actually, the present Arab population in this country dates back to the Roman defeat of Bar Kochba. The Emperor Hadrian wanted to prevent any further Jewish challenge to Roman rule, so he changed the name of the Province of Judea (Provincia Iudaea) to Syria Palaestina, and ordered the Jewish survivors of the war to be expelled from Jerusalem and a very large zone around it.

The early Christian historian Eusebius wrote: "When the Jewish revolt again grew to formidable dimensions, Rufus, governor of Judea... took merciless advantage... confiscating all their lands... From that time on [of the Jewish defeat, 135 CE], the entire race has been forbidden to set foot anywhere in the neighborhood of Jerusalem, under... a law of Hadrian which ensured that not even from a distance might Jews have a view of their ancestral soil..."

"When in this way the city was closed to the Jewish race and suffered the total destruction of its former inhabitants, it was colonized by an alien race." (*Ecclesiastical History*, IV:6, tr. William Louth)

Arab spokesmen know that they are lying, since their new version of history doesn't even tally with Arab tradition. But the new version, the false claim that the Arabs are the indigenous or aboriginal people of this country, fits in with the Western propensity to see the Jews as aliens everywhere.

The Arabs' claim contributes greatly to delegitimizing Israel — within any boundaries. The violence this claim does to historical truth is parallel to the vandalism some Arabs have committed in the archeological field.

A recent article in *Biblical Archaeology Review* (March/April 1994) reports that ancient Jewish relics discovered in Gaza have been disfigured or destroyed.

But what Arab politicians can not destroy is the known ancient books that tell the demographic history of the country. Michael Avi-Yonah and other scholars have already brought much of this to light. Many old texts have been translated into modern languages. Making this history known depends on us.

From a Jewish viewpoint, it seems absurd to spend so much energy refuting the Holocaust deniers while virtually ignoring the historical falsifications of the Arabs and their sympathizers.

Peace for Israel depends, among other things, on widespread knowledge of the ancient Jewish historical roots in this country, predating Arab settlement and conquest.

In this Orwellian 20th century, friends of Israel cannot depend on truth winning out by itself. They must know Israel's history and tell it to the world, especially the West, which sometimes finds it all too comfortable to let Arab propaganda be the pretext for its own policies.

The writer is a Jerusalem-based historian and translator.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"DIASPORRHEA"

Sir, — We constantly hear from those on the far right that any public expressions of conscience by Jews in relation to events in Israel are really abhorrent pandering to non-Jews. This, as Moshe Kohn informs us in his column of May 6, constitutes "diasporrhea." Kohn is in favor of stamping out this diseased Diaspora mentality, presumably so that we make no wish without fear of other people's opinions or our own consciences.

On the contrary, I would suggest that it is Kohn and his like who suffer from a Diaspormentality. On the one hand, they are paranoid about the dangers facing the Jewish people, and on the other, they are intoxicated by the power we wield as an independent people in our own strong nation-state. At one and the same time, we are so weak we aren't given one square centimeter under our control, and so strong we can rule over hundreds of thousands of hostile people indefinitely, ignoring both their demands and the overwhelming weight of world opinion.

Those who hold such a distorted world view have shown themselves

utterly incapable of adjusting to the true dangers and possibilities of being "a free people in our own land." I submit that it is they and not the left who have refused to leave the darkness of the ghetto for the sunlight of Eretz Yisrael.

MARTIN J. GORVINE
Ramat Gan.

Moshe Kohn comments:

Contrary to what Martin Gorvine writes, I praised public expressions of conscience by Jews who have a standing in relation to the events over which they are conscience-stricken. I cannot think of any reason for the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, that rabbi in Teaneck, New Jersey, or the editor/publisher of *Moment* magazine to have taken "official" public stands on the atrocity committed by Baruch Goldstein in Hebron other than to show that they are not American Jews like him — a true symptom of diasporrhea. So was Prime Minister Rabin's fulsome expression of being ashamed to be a Jew and an Israeli; a simple apology and heartfelt expression of condolence would have sufficed.

and to the global, her essay, like the *ala arafa*, ought to raise consciousness and red flags in the heart and minds of our brethren in the troubled galut.

Modern American Orthodoxy has struggled to define itself ever since inception as more than just a faith, a life-style. And it still does. It suffers from a lack of purpose as well as a complete lack of inspired leadership. Everyone I know (with Orthodoxy) who left America's shores for this country, knows this. Moreover most American pulpit rabbis are loath to take moral stands because it interferes with their ideal of being everyone's friend.

I live in Israel today because I could no longer and the hypocrisy of these types communities. I live in Israel all because here "real issues" which relate to one's survival and the Jewish people's survival, are more important than which *daf yomi* class to catch, or which designer dress to wear to shul.

Elkana. ALEXANDRA STEIN

FESTIVAL OPENING

Sir, — We would like to register our protest at the disgusting display of narcissistic and racist abuse which was promoted as "art" and as "entertainment" (and expensive entertainment at that) at the opening event of the Israel Festival.

"Morocco Trance-Art" was neither art nor entertainment. It was an obscene prostituting of an indigenous culture's spiritual practice by an "artist" of a more "civilized" culture, as other members of the audience clapping as the painter sadistically threw cups of paint into the faced of drugged darker-skinned dancers, feeding upon the energy of their wild gyrations, was a decadent spectacle, reminiscent of the Roman forum. Has our civilization really sunk so low?

The "artist" should have been arrested for his role. And as for us, we feel duped by a totally misleading description of this event in the Festival catalog. We would like an apology for being subjected to this degrading garbage and resent having been tricked into financing it. We want our money back!

SHARON ALEXANDER

DREYFUS

ROGER DREYFUS
Jerusalem.

NATIONAL SUICIDE

Sir, — In Jewish tradition, there is hardly a sin more serious or condemnable than suicide, which both wipes out a human life and negates God's desire for people to act in a positive, creative fashion.

If an individual suicide is so reprehensible, what can we say about national, collective suicide, whereby a whole nation willingly prepares the path for its own destruction? Releasing terrorists from jail, giving them deadly weapons, power and authority, refusing to hear — let alone believe — their calls for holy war against Jews and Israel, is nothing short of taking our own national life and destroying with our own hands the state we struggled mightily to build.

RABBI STEWART WEISS

Ra'anana.

Gender equality

MIKE SWEENEY

NOW that Paula Jones has filed her lawsuit accusing Bill Clinton of sexual harassment, America is tossing the word "bimbo" around once again, using it to describe Jones in a pejorative way, usually in defense of the president.

Jones contends that when Clinton was Arkansas governor and she was on the state payroll, she was brought to meet him in a hotel room, where he dropped his pants and propositioned her. Jones said she refused and left. But that hasn't kept people from referring to her as a bimbo — though some people who say they knew her as a "party girl" might think the term apt.

For America, a country accused more and more of embracing attitudes that are politically correct, this kind of linguistic behavior strikes me as a serious lapse. It seems that the nation has come to accept the term "bimbo" without considering its connotations.

Perhaps it would be best to define exactly what a bimbo is. Webster's *New World Dictionary* lists three slang definitions, of which the third is most pertinent to current usage: "a sexually promiscuous woman."

The second definition — "a silly

Are there male bimbos?
Answer: no

or stupid person: used especially of a woman" — often seems implicit when people speak of bimbos, too.

Nowadays, I can't think of anyone who uses the first definition, deemed old-fashioned by the dictionary: "a guy, fellow." In fact, the whole notion of a bimbo seems quite gender-specific. There seems to be no male equivalent.

Sure, men have been called bimbos — but that term seems pretty passive compared to what we mean when we refer to a woman as a bimbo.

Then there's the term "stud," which certainly carries a sexual connotation. Yet it isn't the same kind of pejorative as bimbo. I can't imagine any women considering bimbo a positive description, but there are plenty of men who would welcome being called a stud.

And we'd better forget "womanizer," which has such an elite connotation to it, you can almost picture someone in a pin-striped suit and wing tips. Think of it this way: JFK was a womanizer; Judith Exner was a bimbo. Note the difference.

ALL OF which makes me wonder exactly how far we have come toward gender equality.

The word bimbo reinforces the stereotype of a woman using sexuality to promote herself. That there is no equivalent male term is significant, but not as important as the fact that we seem willing to use the word bimbo unquestioningly.

Women use it, too, including some women who pride themselves on promoting feminist equality. That is perhaps the ultimate irony, for it pretty effectively undercuts the notion of women being held to the same standards as men, and vice versa.

Some of the newer feminist writers surely would criticize the notion of women ever being bimbos. Among this group, dubbed the "do-me feminists" by *Esquire* magazine, are those who believe women finally are acting sexually demanding in much the same way men traditionally have. They would find the notion of sexually promiscuous behavior just fine, without any of the negative connotations that the word bimbo would conjure up.

But society seems ill at ease with the idea of a woman who leers at men, dresses to enhance her sexuality or even enjoys the pleasures of the flesh. Hence the continued use of the word bimbo in a way that can only be considered demeaning, not only to the woman so labeled, but to women in general.

Thinking about it that way, we can be certain the double standard is alive and well, despite all the efforts by women — and men — to try to level the playing field for both genders.

What is perhaps surprising, however, is the rancor Jones has stirred through her lawsuit. People across a broad spectrum have come to Clinton's defense. Even Jennifer Flowers, who claims to have had a longtime affair with Clinton, says Jones' story doesn't ring true.

Based on that, Jones might be the only person I can think of who could be accused of giving bimbos a bad name.

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Questioning Technology:

Frank Beacham

Computing Triggers Sweeping Change

Just as the eye of a hurricane believes the power and fury around it, enchantment with personal computing can distract from comprehending the explosive impact the technology is having on our daily lives.

A bit of history brings the point home. Over the past 20 years, the price/performance ratio of computing has been a factor of one million, says Dr. Nathan P. Myhrvold, senior vice president of advanced technology at Microsoft Corp. That means, he said, today's \$5,000 personal computer is one million times more powerful than a computer costing the same amount 20 years ago.

Looking into the future, Dr. Myhrvold predicts the same thing will happen again in the next 20 years and quite likely will happen again in the 20 years after that.

"To put that in perspective," he said, "a factor of a million means twenty years from now a computer will accomplish in 30 seconds what a computer today can accomplish in a year. Forty years from now that computer will accomplish in 30 seconds what today's computer would require a million years to do."

As an example of this swift change, Dr. Myhrvold cites the American Airlines Sabre database for airline reservations, which he said consists of 14 IBM mainframes costing about \$100 million to build. If you duplicated it this year it

would take about 10 fast PCs and a bunch of disks costing about \$650,000," he said. "By the year 2000, the entire (Sabre) system will fit on a single PC."

At no time in recorded history has a society undergone such rapid and profound technological change in so little time. This unrelenting growth of computing power is altering every aspect of our daily lives, including the way we work, play and communicate. It is impacting government, education, health care and the environment and already re-defining such concepts as privacy, civil rights, security and freedom.

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But what about the downside of the computing revolution? As a society, how will tradition and culture withstand the rapid pounding of continued change? As individuals, what personal price are we paying for this booming technology? Who are the winners and losers of the computer revolution?

Large scale organizations like governments, banks, airline companies and tax collecting institutions are the real beneficiaries of computing, said Neil Postman, an author and New York University professor who has dedicated his career to studying the effects of technology on culture.

To the average citizen, Postman contends, the computer has contributed little real benefit yet it has stripped away personal privacy and reduced individuals to numerical objects in an increasingly impersonal society.

Even so, said Postman, the winners who benefit from computers encourage the losers to be enthusiastic about computer technology. Representatives of multinational corporations and government continue to promise that computers will bring a richer life. "They tell (average citizens) their lives will be conducted more efficiently and discreetly while neglecting to say from whose point of view or what might be the cost of such efficiency," he said.

In assessing the impact of all new technologies, Postman reminds there is no free lunch. Culture always pays a price for technology, he said. For every advantage a new technology offers, there's always a corresponding disadvantage. All technological change is a Faustian bargain, he contends.

The question "What will a new technology do?" is no more important than the question "What will a new technology undo?" Indeed this latter question is probably more important precisely because it is asked so infrequently," said Postman.

"One might say then that those with a mature perspective on technology are people who are capable of doing some technological cost accounting," Postman continued. "People who know that technology gives and technology takes away. People who are at all times skeptical of the utopian vision drawn by those who have no sense of history or of the precarious balance on which culture depends."

Postman suggests a few questions that we should ask of those who speak enthusiastically of the computer: Why are you advocating computers? What interests do you represent? To whom are you hoping to give power and freedom? From whom will you be withholding power and freedom?

Unfortunately, on questions of new technology, Americans can't vote on whether or not to accept it. Computers are being imposed on us whether we like it or not. However, it would serve us well to start asking some hard questions about the effect these machines are having on our lives. Only then can we begin to understand the tradeoffs we are making.

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Robert Novak

The Haitian Resistance

Port-au-Prince, Haiti - A reporting trip to this stricken country reveals two developments since my last visit here two and one-half months ago that contradict premises of the new U.S. get-tough policy pressed by President Clinton.

First, determination not to accept the return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide is stronger than ever in the armed forces and the business community. The reality of tougher sanctions now and the threat of U.S. military action later has stiffened rather than diminished anti-Aristide sentiment. That is reflected by Parliament's election Tuesday of a new provisional president.

Second, a strategy has been devised by the military high command for what to do if Clinton sends in the Marines: passive resistance — of a sort. U.S. troops would encounter far less military opposition than in Grenada or Panama but could face a vastly longer, bloodier occupation. These developments were virtually confirmed to me by Lt. General Raoul Cedras, commander in chief of the armed forces, in an interview for CNN. He

suggested that the military has broad national backing in excluding Aristide, and as for U.S. intervention, he warned: "The defense of a country does not only come from its armed forces. The American troops will have in front of them people who have already lived the experience (during the 1925-34 American occupation here)."

Worse news for Clinton's game plan is the ever closer relationship to Cedras of businessmen who had been counted on by U.S. policy-makers to be so pained by sanctions that they would force Cedras out and permit Aristide in. Indeed, a group of key businessmen I visited at the end of February, while strongly anti-Aristide, made clear then they thought the general had to go.

But their tone was markedly different this week in the wake of the harder U.S. line. They were less conciliatory, angrier, more anti-American and much more in tune with the military. These pillars of old Haitian families spent four hours recently with Cedras and came away convinced that any successor would be less moderate and much worse for the country.

At that meeting, Cedras discussed the passive-resistance strategy, described to me by one of the industrialists present: "When the Americans come, members of the army and police will go home, take off their uniforms and put them in the closet. People in the streets can run wild. The looting will be like you had in Los Angeles. Can you imagine your Marines shooting down our civilians? Forcing out Cedras becomes even more difficult now that new sanctions have raised the ante. Not only must Cedras leave, but he must be accompanied by Brig. General Philippe Biamby, army chief of staff, and Col. Michel Francois, Port-au-Prince chief of police. That enhances the military's solidarity."

The rationale for Clinton's tougher stance demanded by the Congressional Black Caucus must be more than an abstraction of saving democracy. Sanctions and even military intervention would have to be based on rescuing Haiti from a human rights disaster when the Haitian army kills innocent civilians by the thousands. Actually, the military and police presence here seems exceptionally low, as I observed Sunday and Monday while spending 31 straight hours in a four-wheel vehicle traveling through the Haitian back country reporting for a Reader's Digest article. Everywhere, I asked politically neutral people about official violence. A hospital administrator in Gonaives told me of one incident where people hauling charcoal were caught in a cross fire between the army and armed Aristide followers. But there were no other such accounts.

In Port-de-Paix, Father Andre Blossis, who came here from France 31 years ago, said he knew of no army violence against civilians. In the village of La Coma, Wilhemina Castalesme, an evangelical missionary who came here from the Netherlands 16 years ago, said the last political violence was initiated by left-wing insurgents seven years ago.

That suggests, Senator Robert Dole's proposal for a bipartisan fact-finding commission has merit, if only to pose this question: Is there real justification for U.S.-sponsored agony imposed on this poor nation?

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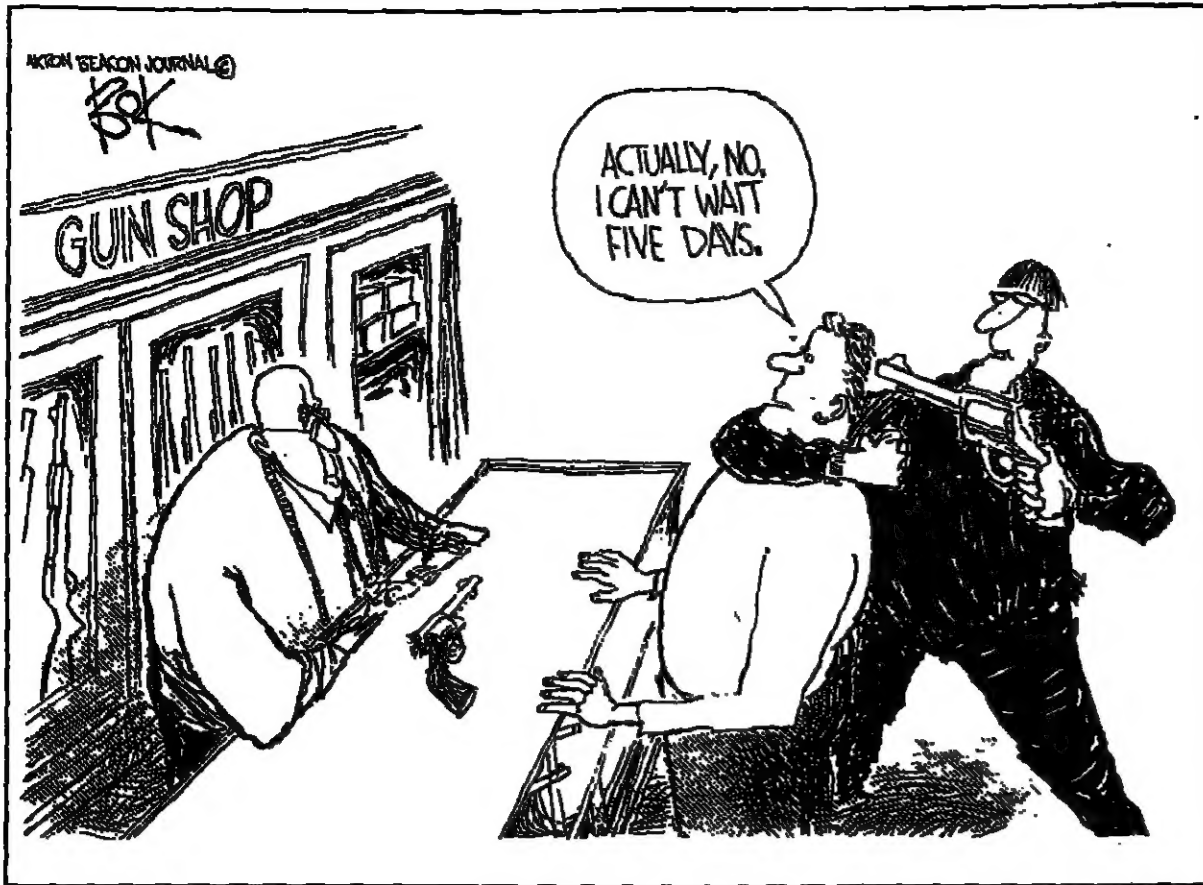


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L.A. Kauffman

Detour America: No Joke

Dan Quayle, the man we've all loved to mock, is struggling to make a comeback. The very idea can seem implausible to the point of being comical, and indeed the former vice president's success has been less than brilliant so far. Cameras caught him at the Nixon funeral sitting boyishly alone amid a sea of empty chairs, an image that many took as a metaphor for Quayle's political standing. Meanwhile, the centerpiece of his campaign for redemption — a new memoir with the wishful and penile title *Standing Firm* — has been widely (and accurately)

pleasures. A 1974 snapshot of a ruffled Dan bears a startling resemblance to the late Kurt Cobain; a photo of the vice presidential couple en route to the inaugural balls, described as Marilyn's favorite, renders her, in a poufy purple gown, a dead ringer for Barney the Dinosaur.

It quickly becomes clear that the book's title is less a description of Quayle's vice presidential demeanor than a statement of his future intentions. While he labors in the memoir to rescue his reputation, he unwittingly offers a flaccid portrayal of his past

fervor of the Reagan years, longed for a candidate who would take a stronger ideological stand on domestic issues. And while Quayle's Murphy Brown speech and Pat Robertson's Republican Convention speech both backfired out of mean-spiritedness, the family values message — if proffered more skillfully — is one that indisputably resonates in an American heartland made anxious (and even vicious) by everything from economics to crime to gay and lesbian activism.

Hard as it may be to believe, Dan Quayle does have



panned as a tedious whinefest.

To read the book — a perverse thing to do, I admit — is to learn many things you really didn't want to know. In between excoriating the press, which he does at every turn, and blaming everyone besides himself and Bush for their 1992 defeat, Quayle makes the kind of cute personal revelations that are standard fare in this literary genre. We find young Dan romancing young Marilyn in that most heartwarming of settings — they are preparing a death-penalty brief. In what can only be a subconscious effort to bolster his Puritan credentials, we encounter frequent allusions to Quayle's personal hygiene habits: Dan reveals that he gets his teeth cleaned every Election Day, and recounts that he learned of Bush's fateful decision to break his "no new taxes" pledge while standing in the shower (a scenario upon which one shouldn't allow the mind to linger). And inevitably, we're treated to eight pages of "candid" full-color photos of the erstwhile Second Family. These bring unexpected

political integrity. As Quayle tells it, he took a principled stand against everything that led to Bush's downfall — the broken promise on taxes, the lack of a focused ideological message in the 1992 campaign, the various inept moves by Bush's campaign managers — but always, and only, in private. In public, Quayle played the Good Soldier, the loyal lieutenant, which is what vice presidents are supposed to do: "Anyone who thinks cheerleading for a policy you don't believe in amounts to hypocrisy," he explains, "doesn't really understand the way government has to work." But even in meetings with administration officials, he did little — by his own account — to dissuade them from what he now says were fatal mistakes.

What makes *Standing Firm* more than the tiresome lament of a loser, though, is the surprising perceptiveness of Quayle's political analysis. Granted, Quayle has the benefit of hindsight now, but he's right that Bush alienated his strongest base by backtracking on taxes. He's right to say that hardcore conservatives, nostalgic for the right-wing

a political base, and a considerable one at that. He fills an ideological vacuum in the Republican Party left by the collapse of communism. He speaks to the moral sanctimony of the well-organized fundamentalist right, but is less threatening to more moderate Republicans than someone like Robertson. And his message — "law and order and family values" — will only grow in appeal to a certain segment of the American populace as Clinton continues his program of governance-by-waffling.

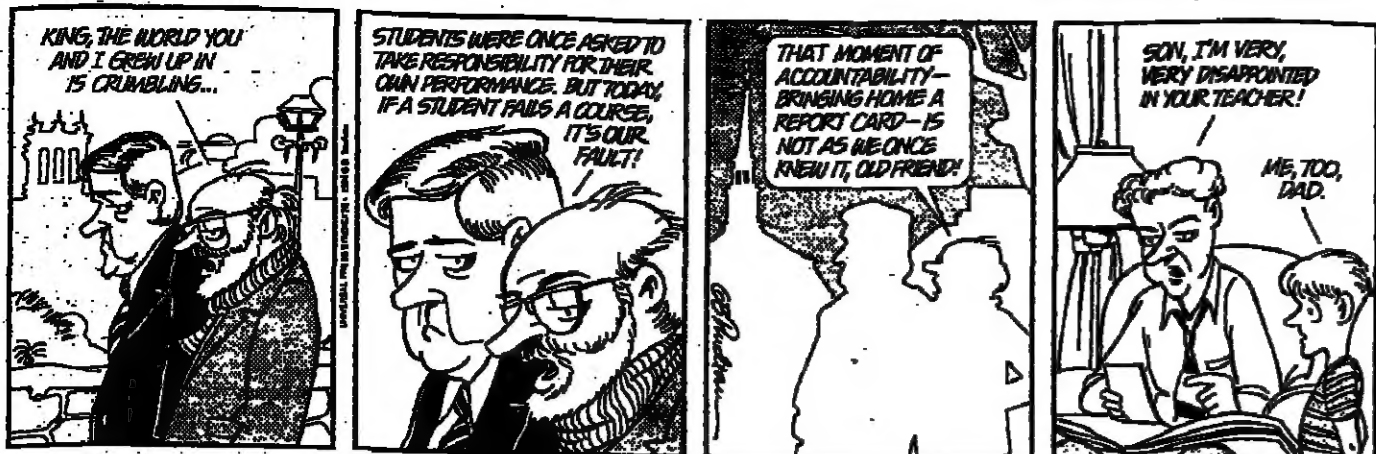
Quayle is very likely to run for president in 1996. Thankfully, it's very difficult to imagine him winning the Republican nomination, much less the election, but he could very well position himself as an effective power broker within the Republican Party, pushing its program to the right and helping it to recapture the loyalty of its disaffected ultra-conservative wing. Stupidity is no barrier to success when festering resentments are the currency of politics. Laugh at Dan Quayle — but watch out lest the laughter become bitter.

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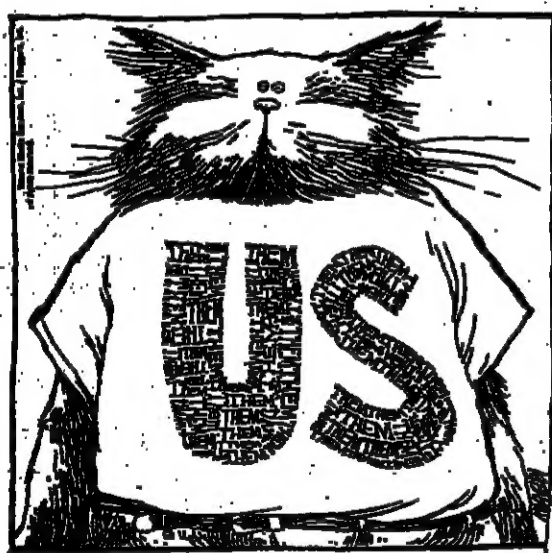
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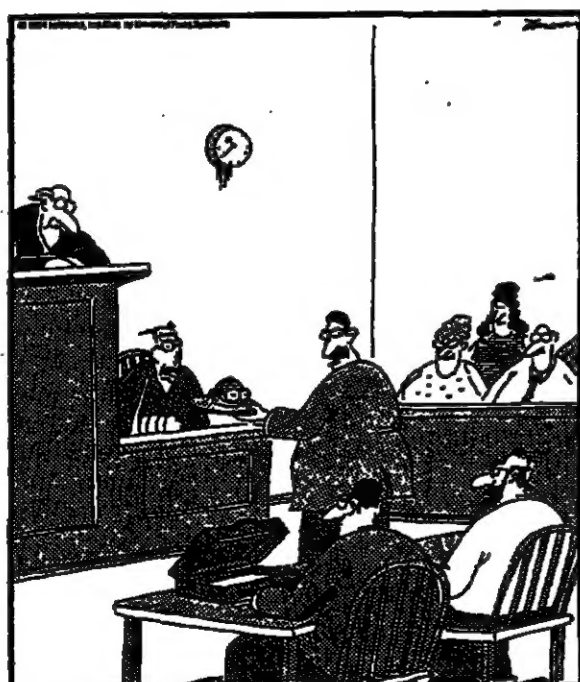
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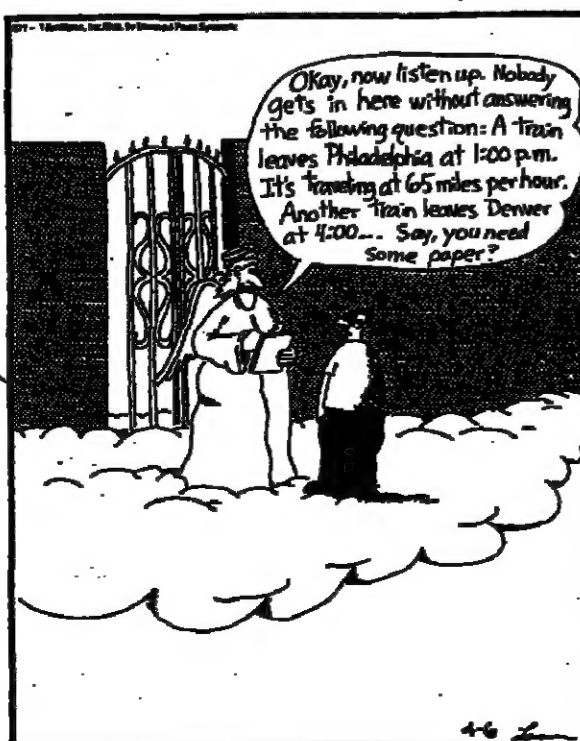
We pluggers know how to lower the boom.

THE FAR SIDE

by GARY LARSON



"So, Professor Sadowsky, you're saying that your fellow researcher, Professor Lazzell, knowing full well that baboons consider eye contact to be threatening, handed you this hat on that fateful day you emerged from your Serengeti campsite."



Math phobic's nightmare

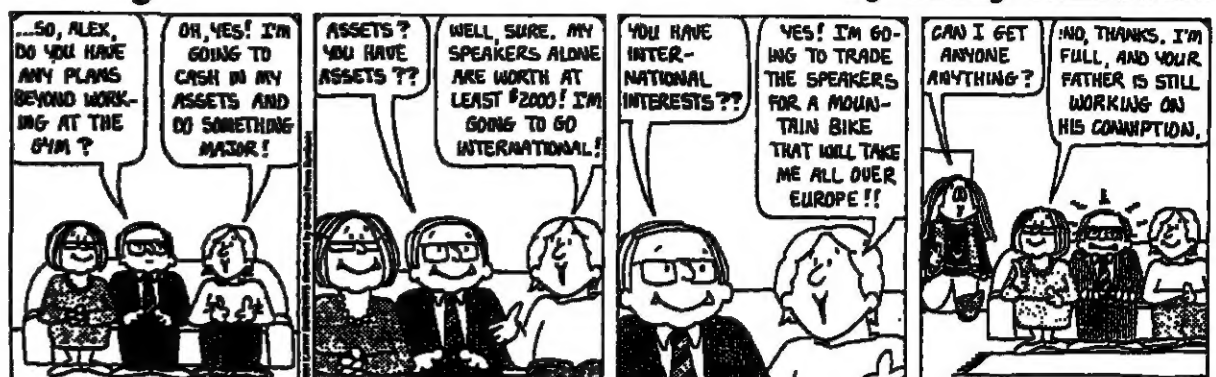
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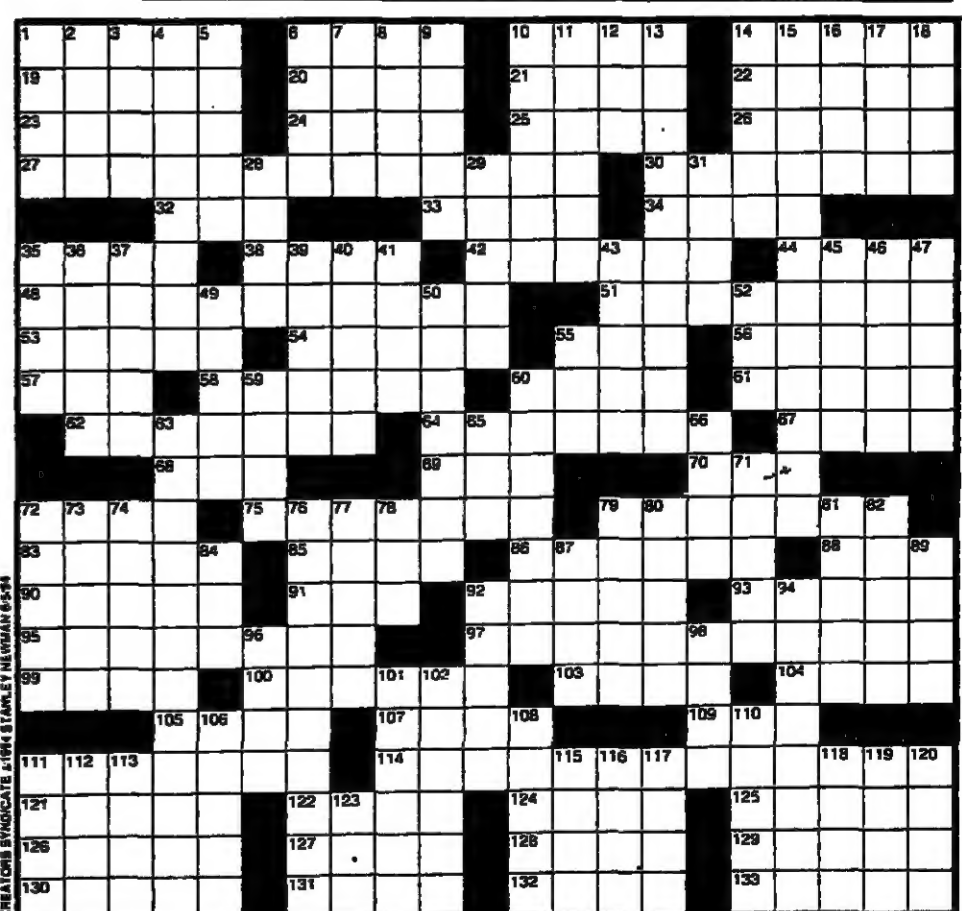
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DEATH, LIVE: "This is just the kind of break we needed for our ratings." — Chicago Fox News anchorman Walter Jacobsen, thrilled to discover that his station had been granted permission to witness the execution of serial killer John Wayne Gacy.

Alan Dershowitz

Jones vs. Clinton: Hill vs. Thomas redux?

The lawsuit being brought by Paula Corbin against President Clinton poses problems not only for our beleaguered chief executive, but is also raises an embarrassing risk of inconsistency — and indeed hypocrisy — for feminist supporters of Clinton who insisted on a full airing of Anita Hill's allegations against Clarence Thomas.

By any standard of judgment, Jones' charges against Clinton are far more serious, have far more prima facie corroboration and are far more consistent with other allegations against the alleged perpetrator than were Hill's charges against Thomas.

Finally, Hill's allegations against Clarence Thomas were inconsistent with Thomas' prior conduct and reputation. That cannot be said about Jones' allegations against Clinton.

It may well be that Jones made up the entire story, or at least the most salacious parts of it. But is also may well be that Hill made up some or all of her account. The point is that many feminists took the position that women who allege sexual harassment should be believed. Indeed, Anita Hill has been speaking at conferences entitled, "Women Tell the Truth." It certainly cannot be the position of the sponsors of these conferences that only liberal women who accuse conservative men tell the truth. When conservative women make allegations against liberal men, these allegations cannot be taken any more or less seriously.

No one can know for certain what took place behind the closed doors of that room in the Excelsior Hotel on May 8, 1991. There are inconsistencies in Jones' story, just as there were in Hill's. Jones and her supporters may have financial and political motivations, but so may Hill and her supporters. One fact is beyond dispute. Anita Hill has made a fortune off speaking and book fees solely on the basis of her accusation.

It is too early to make an informed judgment about

the credibility of the Jones allegations. But it is not too early to insist that these allegations must be treated no differently from "politically correct" allegations of sexual harassment made against "politically incorrect" defendants. Charges of sexual harassment are too serious to be allowed to be used selectively against only certain types of people.

President Clinton's lawyer, Robert Bennett, has gotten off to a bad start by questioning "whether a sitting president may be sued for alleged events that took place before he entered office." Of course, he can. No American is above the law. Just as Vice President Agnew could be, and indeed was, indicted for conduct that took place before he entered office, so too a sitting president is not above the law of sexual harassment and assault. By questioning whether his client can even be sued, Bennett conveys the impression that he is afraid of putting his client under oath. And perhaps he is.

But the president will almost certainly have to testify under oath — first by depositions and then in court — unless the suit is withdrawn or dismissed. Nor is it likely that a court will dismiss the complaint on legal grounds, since it appears to make out a cause of action and is being filed within the three-year statute of limitations. It is im-

portant to remember that this is merely a lawsuit brought by a single individual. It is not an indictment or a complaint filed by an agency. Like the suit brought against Cardinal Bernadin, it may prove baseless. Certainly President Clinton is entitled to the same presumption of innocence that protects anyone charged with sexual misconduct or any other misdeed.

But as the world awaits President Clinton's response, it also awaits the response of those feminists who did not accord Clarence Thomas any presumption of innocence and who — in other cases — adopt the knee-jerk attitude that "women tell the truth." Some do and some don't — as is true of every type of allegation. Paula Corbin, Jones' accusations should remind us how easy it is these days to level the thermodynamic charge of sexual harassment. Whichever way this case comes out, it should serve as an object lesson on why those accused of so heinous an offense as sexual harassment should not be presumed guilty just because some feminists believe that "women tell the truth."

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Martin Peretz

We Still Can't Trust Arafat

The psychodrama of Palestinian nationalism continues. The most recent act was staged in the Gaza Strip and in Jericho two weeks ago, but it was an anti-climax. Actually, nothing happened, or not very much. It is still not quite clear how the locals will experience the autonomy regime. Months ago, when this first phase in the handing over of land was originally scheduled to take place, the PLO treated Israel's reluctance to let it happen without having all the reciprocal specifics in place as just another instance of colonial treachery. This time the Rabin government was a bit more lax (there will be Palestinian checkpoints on the borders, for example). Of course, the PLO took advantage of what its factotums took as a weakening of Jerusalem's resolve and made more and more symbolic demands, the adorn-

out negotiations these many months. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was there, and — very much in character — looked unperturbed. The Russian foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, was in Cairo, too, plumed pleased to be there. Since Russia can't assure peace within its own borders, it is desperate still to be seen as a player, however far-fetched, in making peace within anyone else's. Finally, but not at all sheepishly, Arafat signed, doubtless thinking to himself that he had won a point with his ultras by making Yitzhak Rabin squirm for half an hour. Making Rabin squirm actually seems to be all there is now of a Palestinian strategy. Nonetheless, for the moment, he seems to be unconditionally committed to letting the erratic dynamics of the agreement run their course. But he does



ments of sovereignty clearly being more enticing than concrete tasks for which they can be held accountable. Can Yasser Arafat really be bothered by whether sewage in Gaza City actually works? So, one of the demands to which much meaning was attached was that the new Palestinian police force be allowed to enter in full military formation the turf in which it was charged with keeping order. Israel said no. In the end, as it happens, Palestinian police weren't duty-bound to be found on the way they were expected. Then, two rag-tag bands numbering in the low hundreds assembled on the Jordanian and Egyptian frontiers and waited to ramble in, explaining that there weren't more of them because the foreign aid that was supposed to pay their salaries had not yet arrived. Other civilian authorities will also be a bit tardy. Since Arafat wants chaos in the "liberated" lands least of all, his men quietly asked the Israelis to stay and run the show for a few more weeks even though the PLO flag fluttered from every lamppost. Asking them to stay, however, did not keep the PLO from denouncing them for staying. In Gaza, some of those who stayed were stoned.

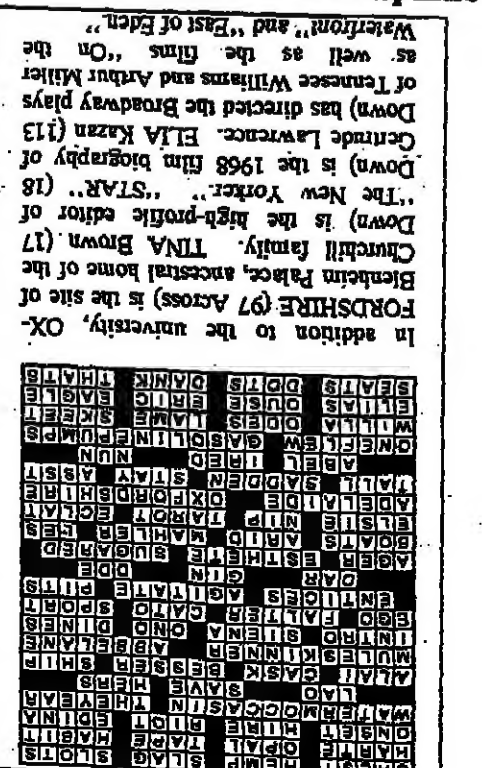
The cause of the wider delay seems to be Arafat's inability to decide who will sit in which seats of the mighty. Still, on everybody's testimony, including that of Arafat's longtime man in New York, Professor Edward Said, Arafat's choice is only a choice among his own cronies. These folk have been living a high-style rhetorical revolution for decades, and few of them will be able to adapt to the quotidian necessities of life in Jericho. What's more, they are also accustomed to the habits of command. Surely some Palestinians are not eager for such rulers. But such rulers they will have. Maybe Hamas will, here and there, extract some appointments on the ground for its loyalists, although no one counts this a plus for Arab pluralism. More prepared, in a rough way, for the job facing them are the 9,000 armed Palestinian police to which Israel has agreed for this phase of the autonomy. And, foreign aid or not, soon enough all of them will be on duty. Some of them were trained to suppress dissidents and oppositionists. Most of the new police have already served as pitiless enforcers of Palestinian submission to the will of Fatah, and it is this pitilessness in exile that commands them to the peace processors for a similar task at home. This is not a constabulary. This militia will also be equipped with armored carriers, helicopters, light weapons, machine guns and patrol boats. Who will guarantee that some of them will not carry shoulder missiles, and what happens if they do? Who, that is, will guard the guardians? Chairman Arafat (or, as he prefers to call himself, President Arafat) is very ambivalent about the agreement he signed in Washington on September 13, 1993. In Cairo two weeks ago for the second handshake and the second signing, he refused for some long minutes to put his name to the map of Jericho to which his representatives had agreed in the drawn-

not love this agreement unconditionally (he, unlike Shimon Peres, is not its parent), and almost everyone who knows this no-nonsense former general can envision some last straw that could turn him against it. If he turns, many others will turn with him, even many on the dovish left. Were this particular flank in Israeli politics to turn, it would do so with the bitterness of betrayed lovers. Indeed, many enthusiasts of the September 13 happening are already wondering why they were so cheery. The Palestinians would do well to weigh their provocations carefully; they could easily provoke too much. If they demonstrated at some especially urgent moment — something comparable, say, to the recent Arab atrocities in Afula and Ashdod — they might even provoke inadvertently the thought that, as Ze'ev Chafetz put it in The Jerusalem Report, there isn't "an authoritative, reasonable, decent Palestinian leadership to make peace with" after all.

I doubt there is such a leadership, although I am eager to be proved wrong. I also doubt that economic aid can convert to febrile politics into a sensible politics. This conflict is not about bread or even about water or water resources; it is about land. A reasonable leadership would understand that it cannot win at the conference table all that is lost in a war, and in a war, at that, that the victor did not start. But no one is ready to assure that the PLO will forgo, or be able to forgo, the temptations of old maps. So, after Israel has made its last concession and after Arafat or his successors have signed off on this concession as, indeed, Israel's last, the PLO will yet be aggrieved, and the grievance will be put into the streets. The Arab claim to Jerusalem and to Safed and to dozens of other places, one after another, will not be stilled. If I am right about this, there will be ongoing terrorism and insurrection which, of course, will never end, we'll be told, without one more Israeli concession... and then another.

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MORE CRAZY ANTICS FROM AMERICA'S FAVORITE CARTOON FAMILY...



Hackney Revisited

The Jefferson Lecture, held under the auspices of the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH), has always been regarded as an occasion for the discussion of scholarly work at the highest academic level. Speakers in recent years have included Lionel Trilling, Robert Penn Warren, Saul Bellow, Barbara Tuchman, Emily Vermeule, Sidney Hook, John Hope Franklin, Leszek Kolakowski, Walker Percy and Bernard Knox. Sometimes standards have slipped, but rarely have they fallen off a cliff. What follows are extracts from this year's lecture, by the poet Gwendolyn Brooks, the first lecture commissioned by NEH Chairman Sheldon Hackney. The entire document can be gotten from the NEH. We think it speaks for itself.

[T]he loud critics of teenaged unmarried mothers and of one-parent homes are not considering the amount of pain they are lavishing on innocent children who happen to be members of single-parent homes. Are

such keen and sly-tongued assessors aware of the permanent harm they are inflicting on these children — of the hot contribution they are making to loss of self-esteem?... Franklin Roosevelt experienced a single-parented home. Abraham Lincoln experienced a single-parented home. Angela Lansbury experienced a single-parented home.... Pointing to a contemporary wit, I say what may startle: I am acquainted with many lovable Jews! Insofar as I know, not one Jew has marauded or personally minimized me. That is my story. Others must speak out of their own experience. I deplore blanket detestation of any group. See Fiddler on the Roof, ye who believe that liking Jews is impossible.... Farrakhan. We don't have tea. I have met the Avidly Assaulted One once. About a quarter-century ago, a woman poet, then a Muslim, brought him to meet my husband and myself. He was impressively relaxed. He brought no guards, no guns. We were impressed by his warm eyes, his kind pa-

tience, flexible, dignity. He listened to our ideas. He listened to every word we said. He waited for us to finish our sentences. He never interrupted. (Today, interruption is an art.) He did not feel the need to pastor. At least, he did not pastor. He did not ask us to join anything.

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Editor's Note: Readers may remember Sheldon Hackney for his tenure as president of the University of Pennsylvania. In the last days of his term, he presided over disciplinary action in the well-publicized "water buffalo" case involving Jewish student Eden Jacobowitz. Jacobowitz was accused of calling a group of black sorority sisters making noise outside his dorm window "behemas." He was brought before a Penn board of inquiry for "violation of the code of conduct and racial harassment policy." During this same period of time Hackney was involved in a furor over editorials written in the student newspaper,

the *Daily Pennsylvanian*, which voiced criticism of Martin Luther King and affirmative action. In that case also, the university judicial inquiry office notified the writer, student Gregory Pavlik, that he was under investigation for racial harassment. In a protest against Pavlik, a group of black students confiscated and destroyed the entire press run of the *Daily Pennsylvanian*. No disciplinary action was taken against them. When, in 1992, Louis Farrakhan was invited to Penn to speak, Hackney told a troubled university community: "We can't have free speech only some of the time, for only some people. Either we have it or we don't."

Recently, Sheldon Hackney assumed his position with the National Endowment of the Humanities, having been selected by President Bill Clinton and approved by a senate labor committee to head up the \$150 million fund. (ed.)

Fabulous 50: A lens that trains the user

ON CAMERA

DAVID BRAUNER

WHEN I went to buy my first SLR camera, the thing that baffled me more than the make or model was which lens or lenses I should buy.

Never having looked through an SLR, I had no idea what the different lenses did. I only knew then, some 16 years ago, that the lens was as important as the camera body, if not more so.

All but the most ridiculously cheap lenses made of plastic begin with glass.

Glass, according to the Roman historian Pliny the Elder, was accidentally discovered by Phoenician sailors while cooking in the sand on a beach.

However, more scientific research concludes that the first man-made glass originated in Mesopotamia around 3000 BCE.

One of the properties of glass is that it refracts or "bends" light. Refraction occurs when light rays pass through one transparent medium like air to another like glass or water.

A spoon in a glass of water appears bent or displaced when seen from certain angles.

Modern lenses consist of several glass elements of superior quality expertly ground and coated against reflection and for color correction.

Mounted in "groups" of two or three in a metal or plastic barrel, the elements bend and concentrate light rays reflected off the object to reform the image on the film.

The lens barrel is equipped with two helical rings: one for focusing and one for setting the aperture.

Rotating the focusing ring moves some of the elements closer to or farther from the film to optically sharpen objects at different distances from the camera.

The focusing ring is calibrated in feet and meters. In a pinch, the quick photographer can estimate camera-to-object distance, set the focusing ring and grab the shot.

In reverse, one can focus on an object to determine its distance.

In the days before dedicated flashguns, knowing the distance was vital for setting a manually operated flash.

A tip: Taking a reading off a focused camera lens is also a quick and easy way for measuring the length and breadth of a room, for example.

The aperture ring controls a diaphragm of overlapping leaves, which opens and closes the lens. Apertures are floodgates for light.

Apertures click to "f" or focal stops, expressed f2, f2.8, f4 and so forth. You don't have to know the optical meaning of the numbers, but you need to remember that the smaller the f number, the larger the aperture and vice versa.

The number below a given number admits twice as much light, while the number above admits half the light.

So, taking our series above, the light let in by f2.8 is doubled by f2 and halved by f4. At first, it sounds confusing and technical, but the principle is quite simple and quickly learned.

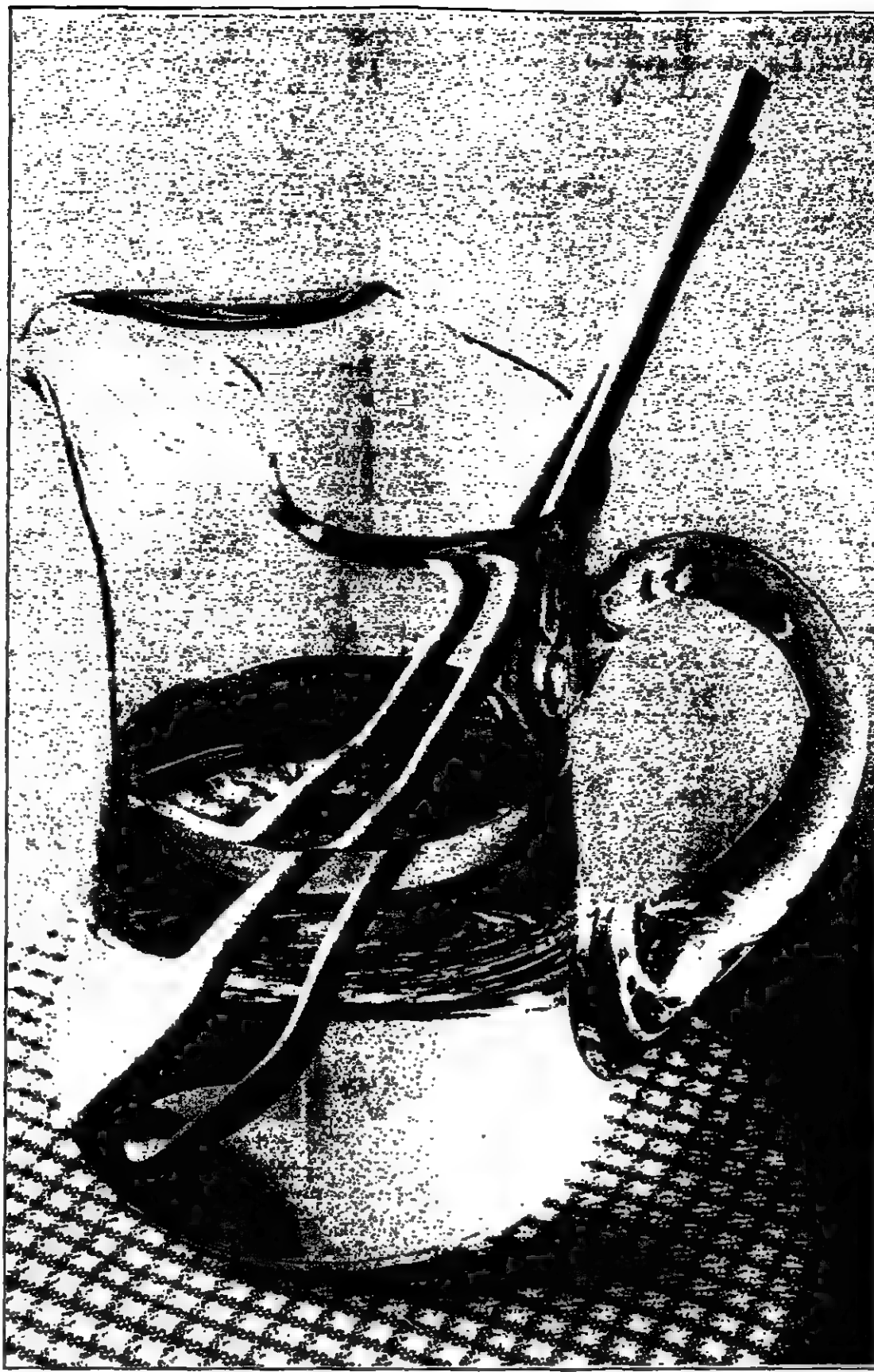
Lenses are designated in part by their maximum apertures. Thus an f2 optic is twice as "fast" as an f2.8 and is usually twice the price. Fast lenses are essential for photographers who like working with available light.

THE LENS'S focal length describes the magnification and angle of view. Roughly, the focal length is the distance from the lens to the film plane. But for the numbers to be meaningful it is best to think in relative terms.

Limiting ourselves to the popular 35mm film format, focal lengths are also measured in millimeters. The standard 50mm lens is designated "normal."

Magnification and distortion are all and the 47-degree angle of view matches that of the human eye. The "50" is invariably the fastest lens generally available.

In a recent conversation, photo reporter Dr. Nahum Tim Gidal, a living legend with over 60 years



One of the properties of glass is that it refracts or "bends" light. A spoon in a pitcher of water appears bent or displaced when seen from certain angles, as shown here. (David Brauner)

experience, praised the "fabulous 50." As with Henri Cartier-Bresson and Alfred Eisenstadt, the 50mm was Gidal's first choice for versatility and candidness. He rarely used any other lens.

Every photographer should start with the 50mm, the lens that trains and disciplines.

Another tip: Removed from the camera and reversed (outer element to the eye), any 50mm lens

held close to but not touching a processed film or contact sheet with a light source behind it makes a first-class loupe or magnifier for inspecting sharpness and detail. More about lenses next time.

This washer was born free, with an urge to spin

KISHON'S KEYHOLE

EPHRAIM KISHON

THINGS keep happening in our household, I don't know why.

There was, for instance, the day the little woman came and told me we needed a new washing machine. I asked why, and she said the old one was getting old. I said all right, so go buy yourself a young one, but no more than one, mind you, and no fancy foreign brands, we've got to encourage local industry.

She's a great one for buying, my little one, and the very next day a handsome young domestic washing machine bedecked with knobs was already humming away merrily on our back porch.

It was a case of love at first wash: This machine could do everything on its own, from feeding itself soap flakes to spinning itself dry, as if endowed with a human brain.

And that's just it. On that Tuesday about noon my wife came to me with a slightly puzzled frown on her face, and said:

"Ephraim, it walks!"

I followed her to the kitchen porch and sure enough, our new washing machine, while busily spin-drying, was at the same time moving with great leaps toward the kitchen. We brought it to a standstill right on the doorstep by pressing the red button, and took account of the situation.

Before long we discovered that it walked only as it spin-dried, seeing that this drum thing inside made it shake all over and then -

hop! hop! hop! - it started jumping around as if moved by some invisible urge.

We didn't mind, really. Our house is no prison, after all, and if this machine felt like taking a stroll round the backyard, we saw no reason to stop it.

It turned out that we had been rather too permissive. One evening we suddenly heard a loud metallic crunch out there on the back porch, and when we went to investigate we found Amir's tricycle lying all twisted underneath our spin-drying machine.

The child cried like a child and beat his little fists against the sides of the offending gadget: "Look what you've done, you naughty machine, look what you've done!"

We tried to explain to him that the machine hadn't done it on purpose, that it had just been roaming around a little, found this tricycle and - hop! - jumped up on it, but Amir wouldn't listen to reason.

"There's nothing else to do," said the wife. "I'll have to tie Jonathan up..."

And she took a piece of string and tied our washing machine to the hot-water tap. I didn't feel too happy about it, but said nothing: it was her machine, after all, and she could tie it up if she wanted to.

Still, I can't deny that when we discovered Jonathan at the other end of the porch next morning, I was tickled pink. He had strained all the horsepowers he had and broken his bonds.

The woman only frowned and went for a new piece of string. This time she tethered him to the gas tanks, with the result that when he broke loose we not only

heard it, we smelled it. In the end the woman gave up, since, as she said, it only made Jonathan nervous to be put on the leash. From then on we let him do his washing untrammelled.

Our machine, we told ourselves, was a noble creature - a free independent spirit. It only caused trouble once, when we were having some people over and it burst into the living room suddenly and frightened our guests...

"Get out!" cried the wife. "Out! Go back where you belong!"

As if a washing machine can understand what you're saying to him! Hub! I calmly got up and pressed the red button, and that was that. Later, after our visitors had left, I restarted Jonathan in order to lead him back, but, like the lilies of the field, he toiled not, neither did he spin.

What had happened was that he'd already passed the spin-drying stage and, as you may remember, he only walked when he spun. We had to go through the whole process again to make him budge...

Amir, in the meantime, had made his peace with Jonathan too, and loved to get up on his back and sit there shouting, "Giddy-up, giddy-up!"

Charming. Jonathan does our laundry beautifully too, goes easy on the soap flakes, and except for this tendency of his to wander off now and then is altogether delightful.

Actually the little woman even suggested we make use of Jonathan's mobility - like send him to the grocery, she said. Why not?

I thought it wouldn't work, though. We'd have to give him a shopping list because he can't talk,

and then he might lose the list, or worse, get lost himself and never find his way home again. No point taking the risk just to save my wife a trip to the grocery.

On the other hand, Jonathan does love going out into the street. The little woman told me that Nicky's parents who live across the street got a new washing machine, a very pretty, petite Italian. Could that be it? Could Jonathan...?

The last thing we want is a houseful of little washing machines. Eventually we went to see a specialist who, it appeared, was quite familiar with our problem.

"Yes," he said, "I know the sort. They run when they spin. But they only do it if you put too little laundry in the drum: it upsets the centrifugal balance and jolts the machine. You ought to put a full load of at least eight pounds in, and then I promise your Jonathan will be quiet as a lamb..."

At home I found the little one weeding the garden, and informed her that our Jonathan only went on a centrifugal rampage for lack of dirty linen in his belly. The wife went pale.

"Good gracious!" she exclaimed. "And just now I put only four pounds in..."

Together we raced the porch. Our worst fears had come true: Jonathan was gone. With his electric cord.

I rushed out. "Jonathan!" I called.

"Jonathan!" I called. I ran up and down the street, asking people if they'd seen a young, high-spirited washing machine anywhere, but nobody had. After an hour's search I gave up and went home, feeling terrible.

Maybe he'd got himself run over by a bus. Our Jonathan, free son of the industrial jungle, facing the dangers of the big city and its merciless bus drivers. Or maybe he'd come to the end of his spin in the middle of the road and could no longer move... Maybe he was standing there paralyzed in a whirl of traffic right now...

"Found him!" - the woman came running to meet me - He's here!

It turned out that while the wife was in the garden, the silly little thing had wandered off into the hall, had reached the basement steps, and had been stopped at the last moment by pulling his plug out of the socket - thus saving himself from a certain death.

"Enough!" the little woman said grimly. "Get out of your clothes!"

She went and collected every article of clothing in the house and stuffed Jonathan with a full nine pounds of washing. Jonathan toiled and spun - and stayed rooted to the spot like a lily. For weeks after, the woman would overload him like that and he just worked and worked.

My heart bled for him. One day I could stand it no longer.

I stopped him in a mid-spin and removed about three pounds of clothing from his drum. Jonathan took a few joyous leaps, then made straight for the pretty Italian across the street. He was humming loudly - the picture of a happy washing machine.

"Go, Jonathan!" - I patted his trembling flanks - "Go!" And he went.

Translated by Miriam Arad

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When Tel Aviv was a castle in the air

THERE AND THEN

SRAVA SHAPIRO

AMBITION - or was it arrogance, as detractors often claimed - was never lacking in Tel Aviv's character.

Conceived as a garden suburb of Jaffa and then known as Ahuzat Bayit, Tel Aviv was referred to by its inhabitants and the world as the First Jewish City in Eretz Yisrael. Though the first buildings were modest bungalows whose owners seldom had the funds to engage a gardener, Akiva-Arie Weiss, the principal promoter of the project, wrote of "a city with a million inhabitants."

"The head of the local committee, Meir Dizengoff, was invariably addressed as 'Mister Mayor,' though Tel Aviv was awarded municipal status only in 1934, 25 years after the foundations of the first houses were laid," observes Anina Kaplan. As former director of the Historical Museum of Tel Aviv, Kaplan used to spread love and pride of her native city. When budgets for the project ran dry she resigned, nearly 10 years ago, after a couple of decades at the job.

"In a way, this 'Little Tel Aviv' was more of a metropolis than it is today, despite its spreading out," Kaplan says. "Tel Avivians used to think grand. What [did not yet exist] was imagined for the future."

The Eden building at the edge of town was theater, cinema and opera house in one. Abarbanel and Weisser, who built it, also erected the Casino - a ship-like structure bathed by waves, where Allenby Road meets the sea. "It was not a gambling house, just a pleasant place to take a drink on a Saturday morning to exchange the latest political gossip. The name lent it importance."

Abarbanel and Weisser also erected public baths by the seashore. "My mother used to take me there. It was believed that sea water enervated."

Opposite the baths was the Hotel San-Remo, a fashionable place where dances were held every afternoon, "as in a real spa."

Every second person you met in the street was a celebrity: a Bialik, a Moensohn, a Ben-Gurion, or Avram the Carpenter, who mended chairs at the municipal council and was the right man to stop in the street for a shmooze.

The idea to preserve glimpses of Tel Aviv history for future generations first occurred to Dr. Moshe Altbauer, a debonair scholar in Slavonics who held an ill-defined post in the municipal administration.

He was allotted two and a half rooms in the Shenkar building, just across the piazza from the Town Hall. He filled his rooms with an archival stuff he could lay his hands on. "He also put chairs there for people who wanted to hear lectures. The heat was insufferable; on a summer evening people fainted. When Altbauer was elevated to professorship at the Hebrew University, his place was taken by Kaplan."

ANINA KAPLAN, now in her early 70s, was born on Rehov Bialik, and raised on Rehov Herzl, "just across the railway line" (no trace of the rails remains today). Her mother was a Chelouche, a respected Sephardi family; the father, Dr. Yosef Pomrok, was a dentist with a flair for public affairs - he represented the Landlords' Association on the municipal council.

She was less happy with the latter committee. "There are 200 applications to name streets for people who earned public gratitude for their contribution to society. But what can one do if Tel Aviv ran short of streets? A new rule requires that at least 75 percent of the inhabitants of a street agree to change the existing name. But nobody is likely to agree."

"People used to tease me, they asked whether I was a Sephardi or Ashkenazi - and I used to retort: I am Ivriya, Hebrew!"

Kaplan served as mayor Yisrael Rokach's private secretary and continued in a similar capacity, with mayor Haim Levanon. "But when Mordechai Namir, a Mapai candidate, was elected, I asked to be transferred to a non-political niche. Altbauer was very glad I came to help him."

After the municipal offices moved from 27 Rehov Bialik to the new Town Hall on Rehov Ibn-Gabriel, the municipal council voted, after much prompting, to allot the old house to the budding Historical Museum of Tel Aviv.

Much research went into the project. "We consulted all possible sources, scanned all available libraries in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. We interviewed oldtimers. We sought pictures. The exhibits were a fair reminder of the town's inceptive years."

The visitor could see a blown-up photograph of the 66 Ahuzat Bayit members, waiting for lots to be drawn for the exact sites of their dream houses. Above the dune on which the event took place a young man is seen gesticulating wildly. "He is not Dizengoff, as many suppose, but the son of the local contractor - a converted Jew, by the way - who had built the Bella Vista Hotel on the shore in Neveh Shalom. The young man vituperated against the Ahuzat Bayit initiative, warning that no water would be found there, and the houses would collapse on the sands."

The tour ended with a picture of the ceremony of the Declaration of the State of Israel. Then the visitor would be taken to Dizengoff's office, where the first mayor's straw hat was left hanging on the hat rack.

"We had many visitors," Kaplan says. "Schoolchildren were regularly brought to see how their town emerged."

The library and archive can still be consulted on some days, but the visits have been stopped. "There are rumors that the municipality is being offered a NIS 1 million grant to reopen the museum, but the condition is that [the municipality] has to match the grant, with the present finances of the town, the prospects are scarce."

Altbauer's love affair with Tel Aviv did not end with the closure of the museum. Former mayor or Shlomo "Chich" Lahat had been dealing with two municipal committees, one dealing with Wor-thies of Tel Aviv, and the other with street names. She was especially happy with the former.

"It was recognition for services rendered. They were elated that their past efforts had been appreciated. Chich was magnificent with them. He visited them when they fell ill, sent them flowers on their birthdays, attended their funerals."

She was less happy with the latter committee. "There are 200 applications to name streets for people who earned public gratitude for their contribution to society. But what can one do if Tel Aviv ran short of streets? A new rule requires that at least 75 percent of the inhabitants of a street agree to change the existing name. But nobody is likely to agree."

A guide for canine manners

HEADS N TAILS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A well behaved dog is, by and large, a dog that behaves as you wish it to.

If you allow the dog to sit in a comfortable chair or curl up on your bed, nobody can complain your dog isn't well trained. The dog is doing what you allow it to do.

So long as you are consistent in your demands, no harm is done. Naturally you cannot allow the dog on the sofa and then scold or punish it when it hops up there with muddy paws. The dog doesn't share your concern over stains on the upholstery.

But there are some rules all dog owners should follow: those concerning simple good manners.

Though we love our pets and don't like to hear them criticized, no dog should be allowed to jump up on people.

Not only can the dog tear stockings and stain or tear clothing but

old, young or frail people can be knocked down, frightened and even harmed by this habit. And indeed, why should anyone have to put up with this sort of nuisance when they visit you?

The same thing goes for dogs that are allowed to roam free and bark at and frighten passersby. Even if the dog is harmless, people have the right to walk down the street without feeling threatened.

They also have the right to ride past on a bicycle without being plagued by a dog. Many people have had serious spills from just this sort of behavior.

If your dog chases and harasses cyclists then either teach it to desist or confine it. This also goes for

dogs that endanger their own lives by chasing motorized vehicles.

Then there is the matter of a dog's toilet habits. Why do so many people think it is perfectly all right for their dog to use the sidewalk as a toilet?

This is unpleasant and unsanitary. In many cities of the world it is forbidden by law - and would that it were in ours.

Either the dog should use the gutter of the street or the owner should carry equipment for removing the mess: two plastic bags can be used, one as a glove, the second as a receptacle.

These may seem like simple suggestions but it is surprising that so many people who are basically well behaved never think of applying decent behavior to their pet's actions.

A lot of unpleasantness can be avoided by just a little consideration.

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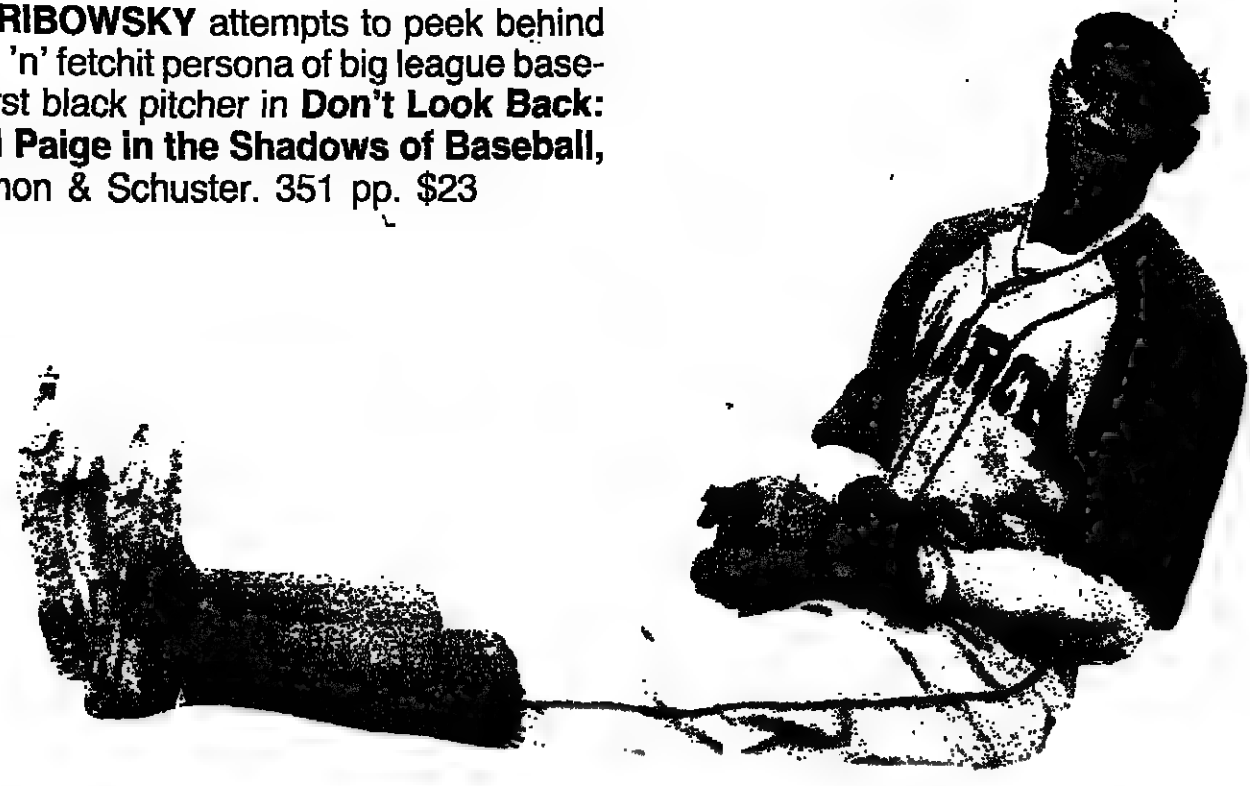
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Satchel, the original high-fiver

MARK RIBOWSKY attempts to peek behind the step 'n' fetchit persona of big league baseball's first black pitcher in **Don't Look Back: Satchel Paige in the Shadows of Baseball**, NY, Simon & Schuster. 351 pp. \$23



PATRICK GOLDSTEIN

IT isn't easy for athletes to be legends anymore. Over-analyzed by cranky sportswriters, noisily critiqued by morose sports talk-radio callers, their gravity-defying feats have been reduced to ESPN highlight-reel fodder. Just ask Barry Bonds, whose most enduring media moment remains his nasty on-the-field shouting match with then-manager Jim Leyland. Sports legend derives from larger-than-life feats, created away from the glare of the spotlight. It belongs to the oral tradition, tales told and retold, till they take on an appropriately mythic stature. Who knows if Babe Ruth really pointed to the right-field bleachers and called his shot in the 1932 World Series? Who actually saw Pete Gray, the St. Louis Browns' one-armed outfielder, in action, throwing a runner out at home plate? How many people got to watch Johnny Van Der Meer pitch a no-hitter — in two consecutive games? In baseball, the murkiest of all legends have sprung from the mythic twilight of the Negro Leagues. Thrown together during the sorry days of segregated sport, they showcased the young black gods of baseball, performing in the same cities — often in the same ballpark — as major-league players, sometimes even wearing the big-leaguers' discarded uniforms. That's where you'd find Leroy "Satchel" Paige, barnstorming across the country in wheezing buses, sleeping in fleabag hotels, playing in ramshackle bandboxes across town from the storied major-league ballparks. Of all the mythic stars of Negro baseball, Satchel was mythic-squared. Unhittable in his prime, he once struck out 22 men in a game, beat Bob Feller 1-0 in a 13-inning exhibition game and was so indomita-

ble he threw a no-hitter in the first game of a double-header and then pitched relief in the nightcap. After hitting .398 in the Pacific Coast League in 1935, Joe DiMaggio prepared for his rookie season with the New York Yankees by facing Paige in a much-ballyhooed exhibition game. The future Hall of Famer managed a measly infield hit in four trips to the plate, moving a Yankee scout to wire home: "DiMaggio all we hoped he'd be: hit Satch one for four." The legend simmered, soaking up its rich flavor in obscurity. As far as the white press was concerned, Paige (who was as celebrated in '30s-era black circles as Cab Calloway or Louis Armstrong) might as well have been pitching in Outer Mongolia. When *Time* finally discovered Paige in 1940 — 15 years into his career — it offered some legitimacy of its own. Attributing Satchel's arm strength to his boyhood shouldering of 200-pound blocks of ice, the news magazine quoted Paige's old ice-wagon employer as saying: "That boy et mo' than the hosses." Until now, that's been the Satch story: Print the caricature. But judging from *Don't Look Back*, Mark Ribowsky's meticulously researched biography, there is another, considerably starker — and less sentimental — side to Paige. Raised in the rough-and-tumble ghetto area of Mobile, Alabama, Paige was a restless, lonely man, a black shadow in a white-only world, his soul shriveled by a lack of acceptance, both from his family and the realm of big-time sport. Before he was 20, Paige had hit the road, learning his pitching

craft on baseball's chitlins circuit. Though Ribowsky is more successful at sketching the Negro League milieu than fleshing out Paige's character, the scrawny, rawboned pitcher emerges as a man of few loyalties, either to friend or team, indifferent to family ties, easily seduced by a pretty woman or a fat paycheck. Take away his wonderful wit and legendary showmanship and dare we say it — Satchel might be almost as hard to love as Barry Bonds. Resolutely unfaithful to every woman in his life, Paige was jealous of teammates' success, a hard-drinking carouser, habitually late to even the most important games and disdainful of anything resembling a training regime. Paige was at least 42 (some say 44 or even 48) when Cleveland Indians owner Bill Veeck finally brought him to the big leagues in 1948, a year after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier. Making his first appearance in relief on July 9, he was the man who brought black vaudeville style to white sport, decades before the high five, the monster jam and the end-zone dance. Paige mystified batters with a carnival assortment of trick pitches. Using a double or even triple windup with a huge leg kick, he'd throw what he called a Step'n Pitch-it, a Bat Dodger and finally, his mind-boggling Hesitation Pitch, where he held back his right arm even as his front leg swept his body forward, releasing the ball almost as an afterthought. The first major-leaguer who tried to hit the Hesitation Pitch lunged and swung before the pitch

was half-way to the plate, his bat flying 40 feet up the third-base line. Satch was a sensation. By the time he started his first major-league game, 72,562 fans were at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium, a new attendance record for a major-league night game. Though well past his prime, Paige played parts of six seasons in the majors and was good enough to be named to the 1952 All-Star team. Never a friend to Robinson — he had given him the cold shoulder in the Negro Leagues — he displayed little of Robinson's credit-to-his-race good citizenship. Paige missed trains, broke curfew and carried around a gun a foot and a half long. His eccentricities won him huge play in the white press, which viewed him as post-integration baseball's answer to Louie Armstrong — Satchmo meet Satch — a happy-go-lucky old coot who rubbed mystery potions on his pitching arm, dozed in the bullpen grass and issued such maxims as, "If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts" and the immortal phrase (which Ribowsky borrows for his book title), "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." Aloof and enigmatic all the way to his grave, Paige seems to have defeated his biographer's best effort to penetrate his inscrutable mask. None of Paige's offspring would talk to Ribowsky, while the dim memories of his ball-playing peers offer little in the way of insight. The book's evocative subtitle, "Satchel Paige in the Shadows of Baseball," is all too apt. For all Ribowsky's good efforts, the real shadow here is Satchel himself. (Los Angeles Times)

Chang upset by Yzaga

Ivanisevic, Krickstein advance in French Open

PARIS (AP) — Peru's Jaime Yzaga thwarted a valiant comeback attempt by 1989 champion Michael Chang yesterday to reach the fourth round of the upset-filled French Open. Coupled with Magnus Larsson's defeat of No. 9 seed Todd Martin, Yzaga's 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 1-6, 7-5 victory over the eighth-seeded Chang left only five of the 16 men's seeds in the field. Never before in the post-1968 Open Era have so few seeds reached the final 16. Larsson beat Martin, 6-7(7-5), 6-3, 6-0, 1-6, 6-3, one of five five-setters among eight men's matches on the schedule. Fifth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic, in one of the best comebacks of his career, rallied from a two-set deficit to beat Spain's Alex Corretja, 6-7(7-3), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3. The Croatian is now the only seed among the eight players left in the bottom half of the draw. "There's no more respect for the seeded players anymore," said Ivanisevic. "It's more of an advantage not to be seeded."

Chang, who entered his match with a formidable 12-6 record in five-setters, seemed awed early on as Yzaga repeatedly pounded groundstrokes into the corners. But although the American took command midway through the match, Yzaga hung on and dropped to his knees in relief as the 4 hour, 25 minute match ended. Yzaga, 26, has won eight tournaments in a 10-year career, but never before got past the third round in eight previous French Opens. In other five-set thrillers, Javier Frana of Argentina beat Australia's Mark Woodforde, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, 4-6, 10-8, and Germany's Hendrik Dreckmann, 19, rallied to beat American Richey Reneberg, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Aaron Krickstein, who upset No. 2 seed Michael Stich in the second round, needed only four sets to beat Radomir Vasek, a qualifier from the Czech Republic, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. In a showdown of two of the

brightest new stars on the men's tour, Alberto Berasategui of Spain overpowered Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 in just 92 minutes. Among the women, second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and No. 3 Conchita Martinez advanced with straight-set victories. But No. 9 Lindsay Davenport was ousted by Julie Halard of France, becoming the ninth women's seed to lose. Sanchez Vicario, one of the few potential threats to overwhelming favorite Steffi Graf, downed Germany's Barbara Rittner 6-4, 6-2. The 1989 champion has yet to lose a set in her three matches. Halard, who has risen to 24th in the world rankings after several strong performances this season, also triumphed 6-1, 6-2 over the 17-year-old Davenport, a rising star from California. Also reaching the fourth round, for the first time in 22 Grand Slams, was Shaun Stafford, who overcame fellow American Ann Grossman, 6-7(7-4), 6-3, 6-3.

Surhoff's homer helps end Brewers' record losing streak

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers ended their club record 14-game losing streak, beating the Seattle Mariners 5-2 Friday night on B.J. Surhoff's three-run homer in the eighth inning. Brian Harper doubled off Bill Rife (2-3) with one out in the eighth and pinch-runner Matt Mieske took third on Dave Nilsson's flyout. Davis intentionally walked John Jaha to put runners at the corners, and Surhoff hit his first homer since September 1993. Cal Eldred (4-6) allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings, struck out nine and walked three. Mike Fetters pitched the ninth for his second save. Yankees 5, Royals 2 David Cone's 28-inning scoreless streak ended with a five-run first, and Jimmy Key won his sixth straight decision as the Yankees won on the road. Cone (8-2) pitched his fourth straight complete game, allowing eight hits, striking out two and walking two. Leftfielder Vince Coleman had a double error in the first and Daryl Boston hit a three-run homer. Rangers 4, Red Sox 3 Hector Fajardo (1-0), making his first start since October 1991, got his first big league victory and rookie Rusty Greer put Texas ahead with a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh. Roger Clemens allowed two runs and five hits in six innings with seven strikeouts and four walks, but play stoppages took their toll. The game was delayed by rain for 1 hour, 31 minutes in the first inning and by a power failure for 15 minutes in the second.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	31	13	.705	-
Boston	28	17	.622	3 1/2
Atlanta	26	19	.578	5
Florida	22	24	.479	9
Philadelphia	22	24	.479	9

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	27	17	.614	-
Cleveland	23	21	.522	4
Kansas City	22	22	.500	5 1/2
Minnesota	23	22	.511	4 1/2
Milwaukee	18	28	.391	10

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	23	20	.537	-
San Francisco	24	24	.500	8
Colorado	20	28	.417	12
San Diego	14	34	.292	18

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	27	18	.597	-
Montreal	27	18	.597	2 1/2
New York	22	22	.500	8 1/2
Florida	22	24	.479	9
Philadelphia	22	24	.479	9

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	27	20	.574	-
Houston	28	21	.568	1
St. Louis	24	21	.529	2
Pittsburgh	20	28	.417	6
Chicago	19	28	.402	7

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	27	21	.563	-
San Francisco	24	24	.500	8
Colorado	20	28	.417	12
San Diego	14	34	.292	18

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Cincinnati 4, Colorado 2
Houston 4, Philadelphia 2
New York 10, Cincinnati 2
Atlanta 7, Chicago 2
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 3 (8)
San Diego 8, St. Louis 6
San Francisco 4, Florida 3

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Cincinnati 14, Colorado 4
Pittsburgh 11, NY 10
Cincinnati 5, Florida 3
Houston 4, Atlanta 3
Only games scheduled

Olajuwon 1st foreign-born player to win MVP

HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon, who led the Houston Rockets to the Midwest Division title and the best record in franchise history, became the first foreign-born player to win the NBA's Most Valuable Player award. The Nigerian-born 7-foot (2.13-meter) center, who finished second to Phoenix's Charles Barkley in last year's MVP voting, beat out David Robinson of San Antonio and Scottie Pippen of Chicago for this year's honor. Olajuwon received 889 points, including 66 first-place votes, from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters, who each voted for five candidates with points awarded on a 10-7-5-3-1 basis. Robinson received 730 points and 24 first-place votes, while Pippen had 390 points and seven first-place votes. Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando received 289 points and Patrick Ewing of New York was next with 253. Olajuwon was the only player named on all 101 ballots. During the regular season, Olajuwon ranked third in the league in scoring, fourth in rebounding and second in blocks. He was the only NBA player to rank among the top five in all three categories. Olajuwon also shot .528 percent from the field, 10th best in the NBA. Barkley, whose Suns lost to the Rockets in the playoffs, agreed. "Hakeem is the MVP in the league, period," Barkley said recently.



Earlier this month, Olajuwon was named the NBA's defensive player of the year. He joins Michael Jordan as the only players to win the MVP and defensive

awards in the same season. "There's not another center in the league that can do all the things he does," said Portland star Clyde Drexler, who was Olajuwon's teammate at the University of Houston. "He has rare ability, but he makes it better because he works so hard. Her bustles every second he's out there." Olajuwon became the first center to win the award since Malone of the Philadelphia 76ers in 1982-83. Born in Lagos, Olajuwon was first introduced to basketball in 1978 at a Nigerian teachers sports festival, where he was on the handball team for the Moslem Teachers College but later joined the basketball team. Olajuwon led the Rockets to a 58-24 regular-season record, including a record-tying 15-game winning streak to open the season. He has continued to excel in the playoffs, averaging 30.6 points while leading the Rockets to the Western Conference final against Utah. Olajuwon helped Houston's defense set franchise records for fewest points allowed (96.8 per game) and lowest field goal percentage by opponents (.440). He moved into third place on the NBA's career list for blocked shots, raising his total to 2,741. He trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (3,189) and Mark Eaton (3,064). Seventeen players received at least one point in the MVP balloting, but only the top five finishers got first-place votes. The MVP receives the Maurice Podoloff Trophy, named for the league's first commissioner. (AP, Reuters)

For Tony's sake: Cincinnati is doing it right this season

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds are doing everything for manager Davey Johnson that they wish they could have done for Tony Perez. They're near the top of the National League in hitting and pitching, the two areas that doomed Perez to unemployment after just 44 games last year. Fill-ins are having career years and a bullpen full of castoffs and kids has been the league's best. Cincinnati's 27-20 start has given Johnson some job security and brought fun back to a clubhouse that was a miserable place after last May 24, when the popular Perez was fired with a 20-24 record. "I still think it was a bad deal," shortstop Barry Larkin said. "I've talked to Tony. He's happy with what he's doing. We're playing good baseball. There's nothing that Davey is doing that Tony didn't do, and there's nothing that Tony did that Davey isn't doing. That's baseball." Perez's firing made the team rebellious, and accumulating injuries eventually made it resigned. Johnson came in and never had much of a chance, putting his job in jeopardy. "I could say most of us hated coming to the ballpark last year," first baseman Hal Morris said. "It was that bad, especially after the All-Star break. It was the worst situation I've been in since I've played baseball."

So much has changed. Embattled general manager Jim Bowden successfully overhauled the bullpen and the bench. Johnson got married and moved from an isolated downtown apartment to a neighborhood, and players came back healthy and determined to avoid another nightmare. The good start has allowed everyone to relax and forget. "It was like a wasted year last year," Johnson said. The difference is striking. Johnson exudes confidence and talks about pennants. Injured players look

for excuses to stay in the lineup rather than get out of it. And the team has been in first place in the NL Central since the third day of the season. "I'll tell you why: because of what happened last year," Larkin said. "There was a lack of effort out there last year. It only changes around because the effort is there. When you win, I think it breeds confidence. We're very confident." They were confident coming out of spring training last year, but injuries and bad luck got in the way. Perez had to muddle through with only two healthy starters, a shorthanded bullpen and a lineup missing its cleanup hitter. On the pitching staff, John Smiley had a bad elbow. Tom Browning wasn't fully recovered from reconstructive knee surgery, and closer Rob Dibble had a broken arm. Power hitter Kevin Mitchell was out of shape and hurt, and infielders Larkin, Bip Roberts and Chris Sabo were playing hurt. On top of it, the team started the season in a hitting slump. Johnson's key players have been healthy with the exception of Dibble, who is recovering from shoulder surgery, and catcher Joe Oliver, out with a bad ankle. And the fill-ins have done even better than the injured regulars. Catcher Brian Dorsett has hit around .300 and a bullpen featuring one player straight out of Class A in the minor leagues (Hector Carrasco) and another out of Double-AA (Tim Fournier) has had an earned run average under 2.00. "Our bench and our bullpen are doing a great job," Johnson said. "That's what it takes to win pennants. That's what we're doing right now." It's the Reds' best start since 1990, when they opened 33-12 and won the NL West despite a 58-59 record the rest of the way.

Following his father's footsteps

Brent Bishop scales Mt. Everest 31 years later

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Thirty years ago, Barry Bishop climbed Mount Everest with the first US team on the world's highest peak. Now his son Brent has gone up to clean up the mess. Since Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first conquered Everest in 1953, climbers have left tons of tents, plastic bottles, cans of food, oxygen tanks and assorted rubbish on the mountain. Brent Bishop's US Environmental Expedition brought down 5,000 pounds of trash, including 250 empty oxygen cylinders.

"Perhaps one of the bottles was from my father's expedition. Some bottles had markings of as early as the 1956 Swiss expedition," he said. He said his main goal was to return "without a scratch," unlike his father who lost all his toes and the tips of two fingers to frostbite. After he was evacuated by helicopter to a Katmandu hospital in 1963, Barry Bishop said, "On Everest, there are no victors, only survivors." The Bishops are the first American father-and-son combination to

have gained Everest's peak. The only other second generation climber to reach the summit was Peter Hillary, who scaled it four years ago. The Hillaries are from New Zealand. Sir Edmund, reached by telephone in Auckland, New Zealand, said climbers today have the "advantage of better knowledge and lighter gear." Brent Bishop finally reached Everest's summit on May 9 together with two American colleagues and a pair of Nepalese sherpa guides.

'King Roy' trains hard for Swiss World Cup success

GENEVA (Reuters) — Switzerland's largest circulation daily *Blick* has dubbed him "King Roy of England" in grateful appreciation. The weekly *Sport* called the charmer from the south London suburbs "Gentleman Roy" for his unfailing courtesy. Roy Hodgson, 47, became the toast of the nation and a household name when he steered Switzerland to the World Cup finals after a 28-year absence. After a 4-0 victory over Estonia in their last qualifying match to clinch a place in the US, Hodgson said: "This is the happiest day in my life. I have the best job in the world." "The next few months are going to be terrific and I anticipate a great World Cup show for us." A staunch advocate of attacking soccer and tight man-to-man marking, the Swiss coach has

proved to be a master tactician with his adept and intelligent reading of the game. Although a strict disciplinarian, Hodgson is diplomatic, open to discussion and respected by his players. He recently relaxed a "no sex" ban he had imposed on his World Cup players. Wives and girlfriends could now visit the players in their hotel rooms after the opening game against the US on June 18 and the last group match against Colombia on June 26. Hodgson had earlier ordered his players to remain celibate from June 7, the date of the squad's departure for the finals. Hodgson's playing career began in England, with Crystal Palace, and continued at minor league side Maidstone before a spell with Brea Park in South Africa. His first coaching appointment was with

Swedish club Halmstad BK where he stayed from 1976-80. He returned to England as trainer with Bristol City from 1980-1982. Success came with his move to one of Sweden's leading clubs, Malmö. He guided them to five successive league titles from 1985-90, as well as two Cup triumphs. His first Swiss coaching experience was with Neuchâtel Xamax in 1990 and in January 1992 he traded places with then Swiss national coach and former German international Uli Stielike. For the Englishman, who has a good command of the country's three main languages, German, French and Italian, Most Swiss supporters had long since lost faith with the team. However, Hodgson has managed to revitalize it, winning a two-year extension to his contract until 1996 for his efforts.

Beersheba keeps hopes alive for European spot

ORI LEWIS

ONLY two questions still remain after the penultimate round of National League matches were played this weekend: Who will fill the league's third spot and earn a possible berth in Europe next season, and who will finish at the bottom?

In a weekend where the big teams had nothing to play for, it was the minor teams who put on a show, proving that the league can still be interesting right down to the wire.

Particularly eventful was the clash between bottom-placed Hapoel Haifa and the team immediately above them, Hapoel Kfar Sava.

Hapoel Beersheba 3, Hapoel Kfar Sava 0. Beersheba kept alive its chances of a possible berth in Europe next season with a convincing home victory over Kfar Sava.

The Neger side goes into next weekend's last round of matches with a one-point lead over Beitar Jerusalem after Gadi Haim (27) and Amir Avigdor (31 and 43) scored the points.

Hapoel Haifa 4, Hapoel Kfar Sava 3. There was a real cup-the atmosphere in this crucial bottom-of-the-table clash, with Haifa realizing that anything less than a victory would put them in the Second Division next season.

The Haifa pulled out all the stops in order to try and close the four-point gap on Kfar Sava. Their plan began well when Netan Mesubi beat Giora Antmann in the Kfar Sava goal with a shot from 20 meters out.

Kfar Sava suffered another blow just a minute later, when striker Valentin Mostov was sent off for fouling Haifa's Uri Gruber. But Kfar Sava's depleted line-up suddenly began to play a more dynamic game and found their confidence. Just two minutes before halftime, Yuri Moroz equalized for Kfar Sava from a free kick from 20 meters out when Haifa's keeper Yevgeny Puchalov fumbled the ball and allowed it to trickle into the net.

On 50 minutes, Kfar Sava breathed a sigh of relief as they went ahead through an own goal by Gruber who was trying to knock away a header by Kfar Sava's Shmuel Korotkiy.

After 62 minutes, Haifa's Eran Cohen was waved on by the referee after Kfar Sava unsuccessfully appealed for offside. Cohen shot at goal, Antmann cleared, but Shmuel Elbaz, who came on as a substitute minutes earlier, slotted home to put Haifa on level terms once more.

Three minutes later, Avivi Zohar scored directly from a penalty kick to give the 6,000 Haifa fans at Kiryat Eliezer into a euphoric frenzy.

But the match was still far from over. In the 72nd minute, Michael Yaffa put Kfar Sava level once again when he met a corner kick and slotted the ball past Puchalov.

The hosts threw everything at the Kfar Sava defense in order to try and snatch the vital victory. Finally, in the 90th minute, their efforts bore fruit when Avivi Zohar's cross found Hisham Zabi unmarked in the area. Zabi made no mistake and the Kiryat

Eliezer stadium shook again, as if Hapoel - and not Maccabi Haifa - had won the National League title.

Mac. Haifa 1, Ironi Ashdod 1. With Haifa already crowned as champions, the two sides were just playing out time. This was no more than a ho-hummer for the spectators. 17,000 of whom had come to Kiryat Eliezer, filling the stands from 2 p.m. four hours before kickoff.

Eyal Berkowitz put Haifa ahead in the 16th minute, and Ofer Talker equalized for Ashdod in the 30th to dampen only slightly the celebrations which got under way seven minutes earlier than expected, as the fans invaded the Haifa pitch with 83 minutes gone in the match, tearing down the goals.

Mac. Tel Aviv 1, Mac. P.T. 1. It was a lackluster performance by the two opponents, neither of whom had anything left to prove in the league this season. Avi Nimni scored for Tel Aviv in the 36th minute after Ofer Digihi had put visitors Petah Tikva up in the fourth minute.

Mac. Jerusalem 1, Mac. Herzliya 0. A poor turnout by the Betar faithful only 2,000 spectators showed up at Teddy Stadium - proves that the season is truly over.

But Betar is still hoping that with a bit of luck they can overtake Beersheba and clinch third spot.

The Jerusalemites kept within striking distance of Beersheba with a 79th-minute penalty from Vladimir Greshnev after Shmuel Levy was fouled in the Herzliya area.

Mac. Netanya 3, Hapoel Tel Aviv 2. Veteran Netanya coach Shmuel Pezerman bid farewell to his club and the home fans with a victory which came just a week after his 68th birthday.

But it was Hapoel Tel Aviv who held the initiative early on. Hazi Shirazi headed the visitors ahead in the 12th minute when he connected with a Haim Revivo cross. Ten minutes later, Yossi Eidi made it 2-0 with another header, this time from a cross by Shirazi himself.

But Netanya woke up in the second half as Igor Shevchenko pulled back a goal in the 55th minute, volleying off a rebounding shot from Hapoel's keeper Yaroslav Balu.

Shlomi Dahan pulled Netanya level 13 minutes later with a 20-meter strike. Dahan himself made it 3-2 to the hosts in the 72nd minute.

Hapoel Holon 1, Hapoel P.T. 4. Yossi Balas put a depleted Holon side ahead in the fifth minute, but the hosts' attempts at increasing their advantage resulted in a blow when Alon Maya equalized against the run of play in the 13th minute.

But Holon suffered a killer blow at the 68th minute when their keeper, Alexander Zaidov was sent off for a blatant foul on Moti Kalkon.

Maya then scored his second goal to put Petah Tikva 2-1 up in the 74th minute. Further goals by Carmelo Mishal (85) and Kalkon (88) sealed the scoring.

Shimon TA 2, Hapoel Bet Yama 0. The Second Division promotion playoff spot was secured by hosts Shimon Tel Aviv.

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Jazz cut West deficit to 2-1

Ewing's 32 lifts Knicks to 2-0 edge in East



SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah Jazz won a game they desperately needed by finally playing like a team.

After failures in Games 1 and 2 that were marked by unbalanced scoring and Hakeem Olajuwon's dominance, the Jazz reversed those trends Friday night and beat the Houston Rockets 95-86 to cut their deficit to 2-1 in the Western Conference final.

The Jazz, who never trailed, got strong contributions from almost

every player. Karl Malone had 22 points and 16 rebounds, Jeff Hornacek had 17 points, Jay Humphries 15, David Benoit 14, John Stockton 13 points and 11 assists and Tom Chambers added 10 points.

In the first two games, only three players - Malone, Hornacek and Stockton - scored more than 15 points in a game.

Olajuwon missed his first eight shots of the game, misfired on seven of 16 free throws and was reluctant to pass the ball when faced with double coverage. He finished with 29 points and 13 rebounds, but it was easily his worst game of the series.

Utah opened a 12-point lead at halftime, upped it to 18 in the third quarter and didn't let Houston get closer than eight in the final period.

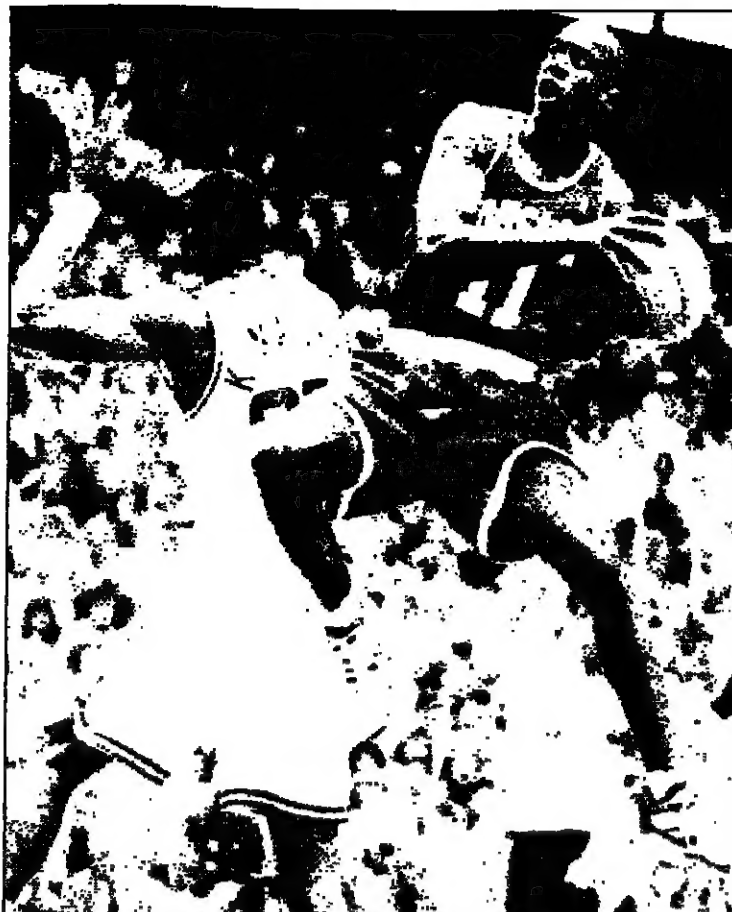
Utah had a 53-39 edge in rebounding, made 4-of-7 3-pointers while Houston went 6-of-21 from beyond the stripe, and shot 42 percent to Houston's 36.

The Jazz will look to even the best-of-7 series in Game 4 today, which will be televised live on Channel 2 at 11:35 p.m.

After going 4-for-15 from the field in the first three quarters, Malone hit his first three shots of the final period as Utah took an 84-67 lead. Humphries' 3-pointer with 5:45 left made it 89-74, and from there it was only a matter of keeping Houston from going on too big of a run. The Rockets missed 15 of their first 18 shots in the quarter, but had a 7-0 run after Humphries' basket to get the deficit down to 89-81.

Hornacek answered with a driving layup with 1:34 left, and when Vernon Maxwell and Robert Horry missed 3-pointers in the next 48 seconds, Houston's final charge was over.

The last time Utah was in the conference final was 1992 when the Jazz lost the first two games at Portland and then won Game 3 at



BACKDOOR MAN - Rockets guard Vernon Maxwell slips behind Utah forward Karl Malone while driving for two. (Reuter)

the Delta Center. From that team, only Malone, Stockton, Corbin and Benoit are still in uniform.

Maxwell had 17 points and Sam Cassell 14, but no other Houston player reached double figures. Mario Elie was 0-for-7, Kenny Smith 1-for-5 and Cassell 2-for-9.

The Jazz got the lead as high as 73-55 midway through the third quarter after a 17-7 run in which Benoit scored the last six points. Houston scored seven of its next nine points from the free throw line, and Cassell's 3-pointer with 13 seconds left got the deficit down to nine.

New York 89, Indiana 78. On Thursday, Patrick Ewing and the New York Knicks did the job again with a game on the line, elevating the Knicks center to a superstar status that coach Pat Riley reserves only for the best.

"Patrick was just not going to let us lose," Riley said after Ewing had 32 points and 13 rebounds and made his last seven shots in a homecourt victory, boosting the Knicks into a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

"He's as committed as any superstar I've ever been around. He's adamant that the ball is going to go through him."

Riley, who coached Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson to four championships with the Los Angeles Lakers, decried that he had any personal influence on Ewing's level of commitment.

"My influence is limited to 'sit up and fist down,' which means get him the ball," Riley said.

Ewing made all four of his shots and scored 10 points during an 18-2 blitz that turned a five-point deficit late in the third quarter into a 75-64 advantage nearly eight minutes later. The Pacers got no closer than seven points down the stretch.

"They get every loose ball; they get every rebound," Indiana coach Larry Brown said. "We haven't been doing that. On all the hustle plays, they come out ahead. If we don't step it up, it's going to be 4-0."

Ewing now has 60 points in the first

two games of the best-of-7 series, which was scheduled to resume in Indianapolis last night for Game 3 and for Game 4 tomorrow. Sports Channel 5 will televise Game 4 live at 10:30 p.m.

"We've been playing hard ever since the playoffs started," Ewing said of the Knicks, now 8-0 at home in the post-season. "We're on a mission, a mission to win the playoffs."

But Ewing emphasized that the Knicks led 2-0 after home victories in the first two rounds against New Jersey and Chicago, only to lose Game 3 each time. They beat the Nets 3-1 in a best-of-5 series, but needed seven games to eliminate the Bulls.

Reggie Miller scored 23 points and Rik Smits 22 for the Pacers, making their first appearance past the first round of the NBA playoffs.

However, no one else scored in double figures for Indiana, which managed just 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Knicks lowered their points allowed average to 17.6 in the final period of their 13-game games.

"They played extremely well," Miller said. "Every time we made a spur, they stepped up the defense on us. We have to go back home and win. It's very simple."

Derek Harper scored 18 points on 8-for-12 shooting and Charles Oakley finished with 17 points for New York.

The Knicks have drawn off the energy of the booming Madison Square Garden crowds. Now the Pacers get their chance.

"If it gets any louder in Market Square Arena than it was in Chicago, then I'm going to be scared," Harper said.

NBA Playoff Glance
Finals (Best of 7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday's result:
New York leads series 2-0
New York 89, Indiana 78
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Friday's result:
Utah 95, Houston 86
Houston leads series 2-1

Last night's scheduled game:
New York at Indiana
Today:
Utah at Houston
Tomorrow:
New York at Indiana

Rangers head for showdown with Canucks after 2OT win



NEW YORK (AP) - The agonizing ecstasy that is the New York Rangers' quest for the Cup continues.

Seeking their first slip of Stanley Cup champagne in 54 years, the Rangers earned their first trip to the NHL championship round since 1979 with a 2-1 double-overtime victory over the New Jersey Devils on Friday night in the seventh game of the Eastern Conference final.

Stephane Matteau scored at 4:24 of the second overtime, sending the Madison Square Garden crowd into a frenzy and the Rangers into the finals for the 10th time. New York, which plays host to Vancouver on Tuesday, has won three titles - none since 1940.

The Rangers, who had the NHL's best regular-season record, held off their legendary Cup Curse despite allowing Valeri Zepelukin's tying goal with 7.7 seconds left in regulation.

"It's an important step to get where we want to go to," Rangers captain Mark Messier said. "It was an incredible series, obviously - three overtime games. Two strong teams going at it."

The Rangers outshot the Devils 48-32 and dominated both overtimes but couldn't claim the series until Matteau's unassisted goal.

Matteau carried the puck behind the New Jersey net and tried to center a pass to Esa Tikkanen. But the puck went off the stick of sliding Devils defenseman Viacheslav Fetisov and past goalie Martin Brodeur, giving Matteau his second overtime winner of the series. He also scored at 6:13 of the second overtime in Game 3.

It capped an unprecedented comeback for the Rangers, who had lost each of their previous 15

best-of-7 series when falling behind three games to two.

They would not go 0-for-16. "It'll end pretty quickly," Messier said of the celebration. "We go to work on Tuesday. The fans are celebrating but we have to keep it in perspective."

New Jersey took a 2-0 lead in Game 6, but Messier scored three times in the third period as the Rangers rallied to a 4-2 victory. That set the stage for Friday's dramatics.

New Jersey, still looking for its first trip to the finals, also lost in seven games to Boston in the 1988 conference final.

New York goalie Mike Richter made 31 saves. Brodeur 46.

A sensational goal by Brian Leetch put the Rangers up 1-0 at 9:31 of the second period.

Leetch got the puck along the left boards and sped behind the Devils' net. Instead of maintaining his course, Leetch slammed on the breaks. He then spun 180 degrees to his backhand, freezing Devils defender Bill Guerin, before skating in front of the net and stuffing a backhand past Brodeur.

Richter made the lead stand until the waning seconds, when Zepelukin whacked a rebound of his own shot past the All-Star goaltender. New Jersey had pulled Brodeur to get an extra attacker on the ice.

It was the second time in the series that the Devils scored late to force overtime. Stephane Richer scored with 42 seconds left in Game 1 and New Jersey went on to win in double overtime.

NHL Playoff Glance
Finals (Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Friday's result:
NY Rangers 2, New Jersey 1 (2OT)
Rangers win series 4-3
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Vancouver wins series 4-1
Stanley Cup Finals
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday - Vancouver at NY

Indianapolis 500

Driver or designer: Who's the boss?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - All the attention at Indianapolis used to be focused on the person in the cockpit. Now it's more likely to be on the engineer or the car designer.

The purported domination of the new Penske-Mercedes engine has revived an old debate: What's more important, the man (or woman) in the case of Lyn St. James) or the machine?

Mike Devin, technical director for the US Automobile Club that is sanctioning today's Indy 500, leans toward the latter.

"The cars are so sophisticated," Devin said. "The driver used to be the hero. Not anymore. He's just another member of the team. I would like to see skill and bravado have merit, and it not just be a case of how good your car is designed."

Jerry Grant, a longtime Indy car driver who competed in 10 500s between 1963 and 1976, echoes Devin.

"My guess is the driver is 10 percent responsible for the overall performance of the car," he said. "I would like to see that go back to the other side of 50% so we can separate the men from the boys and eliminate some of these breeze carriers who come over here with their big money and their dollar drivers."

Formula One, with budgets that dwarf Indy-car teams, is grappling with the same problem on a grander scale. After last season, amid complaints that the cars were being driven more by computers than people, it eliminated devices such as the active suspension, which automatically leveled the chassis.

But with the deaths of three-time champion Ayrton Senna and Roland Ratzenberger on the same weekend in Italy, some believe the drive to cut back on computer-aided devices has gone too far.

On the other hand, Grant said, "I think one of the reasons NASCAR has been so successful, because it keeps the high-tech stuff out of the cars."

Devin pointed out that computer technology on Indy cars is nothing compared to their smaller, more nimble counterparts in Formula One. "Their computers actually do the work," he said. "Ours here do no work. They're just used to provide information to the team."

Transvaal continues England's woes

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - South African refereeing again came under attack when a disallowed try denied England the chance of halting its run of defeats as they went down 24-21 to South African provincial champions Transvaal yesterday.

The incident came midway through the second half of a hard-fought match with the scores level.

Transvaal fullback Theo van Rensburg clearly fumbled a high ball behind his own try-line and England captain Will Carling dived to touch down.

But instead of awarding the try, referee Ian Rogers ordered a 22-meter drop-out for South Africa.

"I was a bit upset and very disappointed," Carling said. "I don't get many tries and people are telling me that that was a score."

The England captain added: "We're just looking forward to having a neutral referee (for the test matches). There were some strange penalty decisions."

Earlier, Transvaal wing Jaco Louw appeared fortunate to escape a strong warning when he blatantly tripped Paul Hull and left the England fullback limping for the rest of the match.

In the end, strong running and some superb passing by the Transvaal backs proved decisive and although England closed the gap with a late try by Rory Underwood the result was a fair reflection of the match.

Wycombe goes up to Div 2

WEMBLEY (AP) - The newest member of the English Football League, Wycombe, beat one of the founder members, Preston, 4-2 yesterday in the Division Three playoff final.

Winger David Carroll scored two second-half goals as Wycombe gained promotion to Division Two after just one season in the league.

Preston was the first-ever English Football League champion in the 1888-89 season, but hasn't played in the league's top division since 1961.

The game was played before 40,109 fans at Wembley, which will also host today's Division Two final, Burnley vs. Stockport, and tomorrow's Division One final between Derby and Leicester.

Cuburnek, Portner win stableford

FORMER club captain Jules Cuburnek partnered up with Morris Portner to score 50 stableford points, 14-under par in the weekend better ball competition at Caesarea Golf Course.

In second place were Amos Amir and Shlomo Avazim with 49, followed by Guy and Oren Geiri with 48.

Steve Weil

This week on Cable TV

TODAY

CHANNEL 5
16:00 NHL: 16:45 NBA playoff 18:30 Magic Johnson's All-Star Game 20:45 Israel national day 21:30 Argentinean league soccer 22:30 Countdown to the World Cup 00:15 World league volleyball

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Key Representative Rates

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US dollar ...NIS 3.0230	-0.0001
Sterling ...NIS 4.5616	-0.0001
Mark ...NIS 1.8403	-0.0001

NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3752.14	+3.86
DJ Transport	1208.85	+1.37
DJ Utility	186.75	-0.05
NYSE Composite	3127.22	+0.01
NYSE Transp.	249.14	+0.35
NYSE Utility	262.54	+0.18
NASDAQ	100.23	+0.19
S&P 500	457.33	+0.27
AMEX	440.94	+1.32

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2295.4	+0.0
Tokyo Nikkei average	2077.1	+25.3
Singapore all-share index	974.13	+0.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9470.13	+0.0

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
Amir	44.5	+0.5
Amir A	8.375	+0.125
Amir B	3.125	+0.125
Amir C	3.125	+0.125
Amir D	3.125	+0.125
Amir E	3.125	+0.125
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Amir Z	3.125	+0.125

Dollar crosses rates (US)

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Libor rates

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Foreign financial data courtesy of

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US commodities

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Shares close mixed FTSE falls 53 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices ended Friday's session mixed after spending most of the day dragged down by bonds, which fell on a stronger-than-expected reading on the US gross domestic product.

Trading was very quiet ahead of the holiday weekend. The market will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day.

The US Treasury bond market closed early for the holiday. The benchmark 30-year bond fell \$3.40 per \$1,000 face value. Its yield, which rises when prices fall, closed at 7.38 percent, up from 7.36 percent on Thursday.

Bob Walberg, a technical analyst at MMS International, said he thought stocks could rally after the bond market closed. "Right now the technical picture for the stock market is promising. Selling pressure is not that bad, and sentiment is excessively bearish," indicating that most people who are bearish on the market have already sold.

Bonds fell after the Commerce Department said the nation's gross domestic product expanded 3% in the first three months of this year. That is down sharply from the 7% expansion of the fourth quarter of 1993, but it was revised up.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 3.68 to 3,757.14. But an inflation index tied to the GDP actually proved tame. It rose at a moderate annual rate of 2.6% in the first quarter this year, unchanged from an earlier estimate.

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) — The FTSE 100 index ended at its lowest level of the year, as speculators took advantage of thin market conditions to push the June FTSE futures and cash markets lower.

At the official close, the FTSE 100 index ended down 53.3 points, or 1.77 percent, at 2,966.4, a drop of 160.9 on the week.

ZURICH — Swiss shares ended firmer but below earlier highs amid statistical evidence that the Swiss economy was gaining momentum while inflation was low. Some profit-taking ahead of the weekend brought prices down from earlier highs. The Broad SPI index closed up 11.75 at 1,780.16.

TOKYO — Strong buying of export-oriented, blue-chip electrical shares and large-capital stock issues propelled Tokyo stocks higher, with both the Nikkei and TOPIX indices posting new 1994 closing highs. The Nikkei ended up 281.36 points or 1.37 percent to 20,777.16. A gain of 434.99 points on the week.

HONG KONG — Shares ended down but off lows, regaining the 9,400 level in moderate trade. The blue-chip Hang Seng index ended down 46.73 points to 9,434.98. A fall of 196.65 points since last Friday.

against the German mark and Japanese yen on comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Allan Greenspan, who told a Senate Banking Committee that he was concerned with the dollar's behavior in recent months.

The dollar initially traded up on early news from the US government that the first quarter's gross domestic product — a key economic indicator — had been revised up to three percent from an earlier 2.6 percent.

The stock and bond markets, which had expected a downward revision, fell after the report on inflationary fears.

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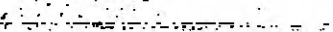
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Kalkilya man shot dead in chase

ONE man was killed and one lightly injured during a car chase early Friday morning that began when a suspicious car in Ramat Hasharon refused to stop on the orders of Civil Guard volunteers.

Kamal Karani, 21, of Kalkilya, was shot dead during the chase, after the driver of the car tried to run over one of the civil guardsmen. The injured man and two other men in the car, also residents of the territories, were remanded for seven days Friday in Tel Aviv Magistrates Court.

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Dan police chief Cmdr. Ya'acov Raz said the four had apparently crossed the Green Line to commit criminal, rather than terrorist acts. Burglary equipment, a knife and a blue license plate were found in the car.

The drama began on Ramat Hasharon's Ussishkin Street, when a red car aroused the suspicions of the two Civil Guard volunteers. A check with police computers showed that the license plates be-

longed to a different car that had been taken off the road a few years ago because it wasn't roadworthy. The volunteers signaled the car to stop, but the driver refused and a chase began through the streets of Ramat Hasharon. On Sokolov Street, the volunteers succeeded in overtaking the vehicle and blocked the road. One got out and again signaled to the driver to stop. Instead, the driver tried to run the civil guardsman over, and

leaping aside, the volunteer fired at the car.

Meanwhile, the volunteers had alerted police, and roadblocks were set up at all major junctions. The chase continued after the car, which sped through several red lights, until it reached the Kassem junction near Petah Tikva, where police had erected a spiked road block. The driver lost control when he collided with the obstacle and swerved into the opposite lane and then off the road, where it overturned.

Uproar over judge's 'no' to Meshulam

A TEL AVIV District Court judge was called a "Nazi" and accused of protecting Nazis by Uzi Meshulam and one of his followers, after the judge on Friday rejected their appeals against their detention.

Meshulam and his followers were reasonably quiet until Judge Amnon Hummer read his decision.

But Meshulam and Natan Shifris cried "Nazi," "Ashkenazi discrimination" and accused Hummer of "protecting Nazis" after he refused to allow Meshulam a furlough to attend his brother's wedding on Tuesday.

While defense lawyers Dr. Haim Misgav and Shmuel Fleishman had appealed for the release of all their clients, a specific request to allow Meshulam out for a few hours was turned down.

"This is inhuman," said Misgav yesterday, who has appealed to

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the Supreme Court to allow Meshulam to attend the wedding. Misgav and Fleishman claim their clients are not a danger to the public, and that proposed charges of attempted murder, espionage, rebellion and shooting in an occupied area are "exaggerated and ridiculous."

"Although my clients have been in Abu Kabir for more than two weeks they have only been questioned twice," said Misgav, who asked Hummer to examine each client's case individually, rather than lump them together as a group.

"If released or placed under house arrest," said Misgav, "my clients [aside from Meshulam] will not return to the Yehud house but will stay at their respective homes."

Meshulam and his followers were arrested following a six-week siege, during which they holed themselves up in Meshulam's Yehud house, with an arsenal of weapons. In the massive police operation to end the siege, 19-year-old soldier Shlomo Assouline was killed by police when he fired at a police helicopter.

In rejecting the appeal, Hummer said that individuals were entitled to fight for a cause but that acceptable methods were limited and should be democratic to avoid anarchy.

"The suspects' behavior is dangerous to the public and we cannot allow such methods," said Hummer.

As the suspects began to riot in the courtroom, Hummer said their behavior only strengthened his decision to keep them in custody.

Hookworm carried by half of Thai workers

JUDY SIEGEL

HALF of all Thai agricultural workers tested here are infected with hookworm, a parasite that could spread if the condition is not treated and the workers are not taught proper hygiene.

This warning was issued in the latest issue of the medical journal *Harefuah* by Zalman Greenberg and Leumit Gilado of the Health Ministry's public health laboratory, and Anita Bashari and Hanna Zahavi of the Jerusalem District Health Office.

The health workers took fecal samples from 93 Thai workers in Jordan Valley settlements. Three-quarters of the workers were found to be infected by either the *Opisthorchis viverrini* parasite or the hookworm or both.

Thailand, said the authors, is known to be endemic with parasite infections. The *Opisthorchis viverrini* is not a health threat, as it requires transmission by snails and other vectors that exist only in east Asia.

However, the authors said the threat from hookworms is real, because they can be transmitted by contact with earth where carriers defecated.

No comment was immediately available on the matter from Dr. Alex Levinthal, head of the Health Ministry's public-health department.



Shimon Peres after his arrival in Mexico City.

(Reuter)

Peres talks free trade in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Israel is exploring a possible free trade pact with Mexico along the lines of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Friday.

Peres said trade was the main topic in his talks here with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and was part of an effort "to enlarge and enrich relations between Mexico and Israel."

Both have free trade agreements with the United States. NAFTA linked Mexico with the United States and Canada when it took effect January 1.

Peres acknowledged that Israel

cannot join NAFTA, but he said Israel and Mexico can seek ways to adjust their policies to expand commercial ties. He did not elaborate.

Peres said he also discussed with Salinas ways of eliminating double taxation in the two countries, building ties for research and development in science and technology, and intensifying cultural exchanges.

Israel has been providing technology for agricultural development of Mexico, including irrigation techniques for cultivating desert lands in the arid regions of the northwest.

US pressure to mount for non-proliferation treaty

AS the 1995 renewal of the nuclear weapons Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) nears, Israel expects international and American pressure to mount for it to enter the treaty as a signatory, an Israeli source said yesterday.

The source said that long-range threats require Israel to preserve the traditional policy of nuclear ambiguity. "The US knows all too well that the price of peace requires that we keep our options open," said the source.

Israel never signed the 1968

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treaty, although it has maintained "adherence" to its principles. Now that the US administration has made arms control and non-proliferation a foreign policy priority, and included arms control in the framework of the multilateral peace talks, both diplomatic and military circles expect increased pressure on Israel to sign the treaty.

What form that pressure will take remains unclear, said the

source, because "the Clinton administration has so far refrained from trying to impose anything on Israel."

Israel has contended for years that the Non-Proliferation Treaty serves to bring countries into the nuclear club, rather than preventing or controlling nuclearization, as by Iraq, a treaty signatory.

But now that France and South Africa have agreed to sign the treaty, Israel's arguments will need redefining, diplomatic sources said.

Arab invitees refuse to attend conference

600 experts coming to give family multidisciplinary study

SOME 600 participants from 20 countries are attending a conference on the family here this week.

The International Conference on the Family on the Threshold of the 21st Century is the first-ever multidisciplinary congress on this subject.

The conference, which marks the UN Year of the Family, was initiated four years ago by the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's Center for Family Life Research and Counseling and its director, clinical psychologist Dr. Solly Dremann.

It will open tomorrow morning

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at Jerusalem's Holiday Inn and then move to BGU in Beersheba for a post-conference seminar on Thursday.

Among the professionals attending will be psychologists, criminologists, dieticians, physicians, nurses, psychiatrists and social workers.

Dremann said last week he had invited Palestinians and representatives from Arab countries, but no one accepted. The conference, sponsored by the Science and Arts

Ministry, will be "the first social-science conference in eight years to get financial backing from the ministry," according to Dremann.

The diverse subjects include the effects of immigration on family life, new trends in family relationships, marital therapy, women's careers in Arab families, *agunot*, divorce, adoption, family life in a refugee camp, coping with mental illness, *remarriage among the elderly*, stress on adolescents in the Golan Heights, family problems among second-generation Holocaust survivors and growing up in a lesbian family.

Man's lie costs 14 months in Shai Fhima case

EMILY TORGAN

NEW YORK

A man who knew of missing teenager Shai Fhima's whereabouts and was convicted of lying to a grand jury investigating the disappearance of Shai Fhima Reuven, was sentenced to 14 months in prison and two years' probation by a federal judge on Thursday. Tobias Freund is to surrender to authorities on June 24.

Fhima, presently 15, disappeared April 5, 1992, shortly after his mother, Hana Fhima, took him to Rabbi Shlomo Helbrans for bar mitzva lessons. Shai's divorced parents, who are not observant, charged that their son was kidnapped and brainwashed by Helbrans, who is scheduled to be tried in June.

According to *New York Newsday*, evidence at Freund's trial showed that, despite his denials, he was communicating with Helbrans and his followers during Fhima's disappearance, knew of Fhima's whereabouts, and helped transport him to a home in Monroe County.

Four killed on roads

FOUR people were killed in road accidents this weekend, three of them pedestrians. Shmuel Yosipov, 36, from Kiryat Malachi was killed in a hit-and-run accident near Be'er Tuvia.

An unidentified Palestinian pedestrian walking on the road to Ariel was killed by an Israeli car. In Acre, 63-year-old Frieda Oping was killed while crossing a road Friday evening.

Also on Friday night, near Faradis, Camel Camel from Dalfat al Carmel was killed when he lost control of the car he was driving.

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Desert ecology meet in Mitzpe Ramon

MITZPE Rimon is to host an international conference next month on methods of rolling back the desert.

"The town is the best living example of ecological sustainability in an arid region," said Moshe Rivlin, chairman of the JNF, which last week wound up a week of festivities to mark the completion of its infrastructure and afforestation projects in the area.

The conference will bring together participants from the Far East, Africa, Latin America and Moslem republics of the former Soviet Union under the aegis of the International Arid Lands Consortium.

The consortium was set up by the US Department of Agriculture's forest service and the JNF in conjunction with five

American universities. Some of the sessions will be held in Jerusalem.

Mitzpe Rimon, with a population of 7,000, today boasts a variety of accommodations from a plush hotel to simple huts, and offers visitors unique views of the crater and desert tours. Rivlin said. However, some 17% of the residents are unemployed, among them many of the 2,000 new immigrants who decided to make the desert town their home. Some 10% of the unemployed are given seasonal work with the JNF.

Meanwhile, almost 300 delegates from 20 countries are due here today to participate in a world conference of JNF leaders in Jerusalem. The last such conference was held three years ago also in the capital.

Uncle Sam, Israel in joint CIS venture

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

IN the first agreement of its kind, the US and Israel plan to conduct joint business ventures in the former Soviet Union.

The countries aim to match American entrepreneurs with Soviet-born olim who are familiar with business opportunities in their former homeland.

Ruth Harkin, president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), who signed the agreement here Wednesday with Israeli Finance Ministry director-general Aharon Fogel, called it a "win-win situation for all nations involved."

The two sides will now meet to identify potential projects in the Commonwealth of Independent States, particularly Russia and the Central Asian republics.

OPIC is a US agency which provides loans and insurance guaran-

tees for American companies seeking to invest abroad.

Following the signing of the Oslo accord, it began making available loan guarantees worth \$125 million to businesses wishing to branch out into the new Palestinian-administered areas.

An OPIC official said yesterday that the agency "has a mandate from the Clinton administration to help the economies of the CIS."

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